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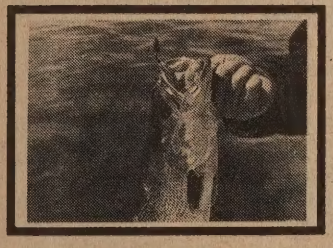

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This nice weakfish was taken on a plastic worm, until recently considered primarily a fresh water lure. Read Dick Mermon's article "The Worm That Turned" on page 14 and see how times have changed.

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WOULDN'T IT BE NICE...

We herewith enclose a proposal for your use submitted to our members of the Ram's Rod and Reel Club by our Sect. Joe Gallo Jr. As our club is doing its share to comply with the enclosed letter, wouldn't it be nice if all fellow fishermen did their share.

There is basically one common reason why each of us has joined this fishing club—to do some fishing. I feel that it's a good reason. In addition, it provides us with a chance to recreate, socialize and obtain food. However, there is one catch, we can only fish in water and we can only fish in water where there is fish. Polluted water generally has no fish and in these cases where it does, the probability is that the fish are polluted too.

What I'm getting at is all the garbage that is thrown into the water from the boats. Things are bad enough with many industries dumping waste and sewerage into the waters, in addition to occasional disasters with oil spills and the like. A beer can and some papers may not seem like much compared to things like that, but it does add to it. Because of the ocean's size and constant motion with waves and tides, it is difficult for the pollution to concentrate in any one place and cause major catastrophies, but that does not mean that the pollution is eradicated—all it means is that it is spread out over a greater area.

In some of the bays, where we do most of our fishing, the water is much more calm and anything thrown into it will remain there for a much greater time, thus it will have a greater effect on the water's quality.

I'm sure that not too many people realize what happens to a can when it's thrown into the water. After it sinks, it sits on the bottom and rusts and decays. There is no way that it is beneficial to anyone—to the fish or the fisherman. Even less serious things, such as paper bags and cigarette butts; to say that they are bio-degradable is no excuse. It may be true but it also takes years for this process to complete itself. In the meantime, the bag gets soggy, breaks up into a million pieces and clouds up the water—that's not natural!

I don't think it's too much to ask of each member to be a little more sensible and considerate in trying to help keep the water clean. It can't be too inconvenient to just throw all the garbage on the floor of the boat, or even put it in a bag. The owners will clean the boats. You'll only be helping yourself. I hope we can make ecology a club policy on fishing trips; and that goes as far as telling any non-club member about it. The odds may be stacked against us, but at least it's a step in the right direction. Joe Gallo, Sec'y.

BOATING

Flotilla 13-11 of the U.S. Coast Guard will be conducting a series of boating courses this fall. There will be a twelve lesson course on small boat skills and seamanship which will be held starting Tuesday, October 5th at 8 P.M. at Jonas E. Salk Junior High School in Levittown in the Green Cafeteria. This school is located at Wantagh Avenue and New Jerusalem Road.

This Flotilla is also sponsoring 4 lesson series "Young Boatmen Courses at 2 convenient locations: New York State Navigation law requires persons 10 through 15 years old to earn a boating safety certificate and have it on board when they operate a motor boat without the supervision of a person 16 years of age or older on the navigable waters of the State. To help you earn this certificate the "Make Sure-Make Shore" course is being made available locally by volunteer instructors and are free.

For more information contact Kenneth Picard, Public Relations Officer at 206 Ocean Avenue in Bellmore, 11710.

Contests & Tournaments

GROTON FISHING DERBY RESULTS

For two weeks running, 12 has been the magic number for Mrs. Jean Konikowski of Norwich. This week, she caught a 47 lb. 8 oz. striper that was 12 ounces heavier than the one caught by another lady angler, Valerid Boulaj of Taftville, whose 46 lb. 12 oz. lunker was taken on a squid and 40 lb. test line. Last week, Mrs. Konikowski also won the weekly award in the private boat division with a 43 lb. 12 oz. striped bass that was 12 ounces heavier than the next closest fish. So far, young Ronald Rudker, Jr., still maintains the lead in this division with his 53 lb. 4 oz. bass.

Mark La Fratte, of Old Lyme captured the weekly award for bluefish caught aboard a charter boat. However his fish, which was caught on tubes and wire line, did not dislodge Charles Wacker's 14 pounder from the leading position in that category.

Warren De Sorbo of Danbury captured a 14 lb. 8 oz. blue on 25 lb. test Stren line to take the weekly honors in the party boat division. Last week's winner, Ed Collins, still maintains the lead in this division with his 15 pound chopper.

The largest bluefish taken so far by an angler aboard a private boat is still the 16½ pounder caught by Mark Matsko of Groton.

BLUEFISH AND STRIPER TOURNY

The Long Island Sounders fishing club and Coneys Marine are sponsoring a bluefish and striper tournament on October 10th.

The contest will begin at 12:01 A.M. and will end with a free buffet and beverages at the weigh-in at 2 P.M. at Coney's Dock in Huntington.

Prizes are: heaviest bluefish, trophy plus $200; second heaviest blue, trophy plus $50; heaviest bass, trophy plus $200; second heaviest bass, trophy plus $50. Additional prizes will be donated by local merchants to be announced at weigh-in.

Entry fee is $25 per boat plus $5 each additional fisherman. Applications are available at Coney's Marina, 121 New York Avenue in Huntington. To qualify, applications must be received by 6 P.M. October 9th.

Corprew Ried, President of the Long Island Sounders, says all surplus above expenses will be donated to the Huntington Hospital for child care. For more info call Coney's Marine at 421-1270.

CODFISH TOURNAMENT

East Bay Anglers presents The Chiller, tenth annual Codfish Tournament which will be held on Saturday, November 20th. Alternate date will be Sunday, the 21st. The deadline will be November 17th for entry.

As a special incentive to receive early entries, the East Bay Anglers Inc., are offering to all anglers entered before October 15th a chance to win a custom rod and Penn International 50 Reel. The lucky entry will be picked from those entry forms received by October 15th. The drawing will be held at the Captain's Meeting. So get your entries in early in order to be eligible to win this special award. This meeting will be held at 8:30 P.M. Wednesday, November 17th at White Oak Inn. 116 Camp Avenue in No. Merrick.

For further information and entry blanks, contact Thomas Koch, 78 E. Cypress Lane in Westbury or call him at (516) ED 4-6464.

Sinker Bouncing
with Matt Ahern

BLACKFISHING Part One

Whenever fisherman ask me which of the two blackfish seasons I enjoy most, I admit to being partial to the fall. Perhaps it's because I catch more blacks then in the spring; or maybe it's because success with larger fish is easier in the fall But whatever the reason, fall blackfishing is it as far as I'm concerned.

As any sinker bouncer who has been in the game long enough will readily admit, blackfish can be difficult to hook—exasperating might be a better word. I recall that when I first started blackfishing, I had a devil of a time decking my share. Yet, whenever I looked about me throughout the fishing day, experienced fishermen were having no trouble. Believe me, it took a while to get the goods on old chisel-tooth.

When I first became interested in blackfishing, information for sportfishermen was practically nil. In fact, unlike today, books on any type of salt water bottom fishing were scarce, indeed. This often made it necessary for novice fishermen like myself to indulge in the costly procedure of trial and error. I had help from fishing buddies, sure; but there were many times when a hit or miss approach seemed the appropriate thing to do in order to fill in for the lack of definite knowledge. Needless to say, this action on my part cost many fish.

I had made up my mind, though, that blackfish were going to make a fool of me no longer, which was something they had easily succeeded in doing up to then. So I proceeded to watch master fishermen in action whenever the opportunity presented itself. I consoled myself with the thought that what they could do so well, so could I.

Alas, evidently I wasn't watching close enough, for whatever these fishermen were doing seemed to have eluded me. Although I really never had trouble catching small blacks, say up to two pounds, anything over that weight seldom went into my butter tub. There were times I thought I'd never improve my fishing skill. Then, one mid-November day while fishing the rock piles on the offshore Sea Bright, New Jersey fishing grounds, success came my way. This success wasn't because of something I had been doing, but rather because of something I hadn't been doing.

In my mind's eye I can still see the twelve year old shadowy semblance of my youth standing in the stern of the old Rose R II out of Canarsie, wedged in between the towering shoulders of some of the best bottom fishermen Brooklyn had to offer the fishing fraternity. And being hauled in all around me at the time were four and five pound blackfish—those gray-black, husky white chinned males all blackfishermen enjoy catching so much. To top it all, I was still landing my two-pounders, and being aggravated by the minute.

Suddenly a voice thundered above me.

"What in hell are you doing, kid?"

I looked up into a weather-beaten, grizzled face, which under normal circumstances could have been called kindly enough, but which now seemed to bear the look of indulgent dejection.

I gulped. "Trying to catch decent-sized blackfish like you guys," I replied.

"Is that so?" he said. "I've been watching you and you sure as hell won't do it that way. I'm surprised you're catching the runts. Reel in and take that damn skimmer off. Bring me one of those green crabs while I get this fish in. I'll show you how to catch blackfish."

When I returned with the crab, he removed the top shell with one quick motion, broke off the legs close to the body, cut it in half, and handed over one piece.

"Now, put your hook into the top leg hole and bring it out the other side so it shows. Got that? Good—that's the way. Now, get it down there and don't flail away at the first pick you feel—like you been doing all morning. Wait for a good, solid tug and let him have it—hard! Got that?"

I nodded.

"Do it."

I did it; exactly the way I was told. The temptation to set the hook at the first pick was great, but I waited for the solid tug I was told to expect. When it came, I succeeded in catching my first big blackfish. It nearly pulled the rod out of my hands as it streaked for the bottom. Until them I had never caught any fish that resisted so strongly—in all truth, it scared the hell out of me. My old records show that in the remaining hour left to fish, I caught fifteen blacks from three to seven pounds—all on green crab.

And that, so help me, is how I learned to catch big blackfish. I know by now you're saying to yourself that I must have been a pretty dumb kid to use skimmer when green crab was producing all the big fish. I was that all right, and I'm the first to admit it. While I knew green crab was first-class blackfish bait, I honestly didn't know how to use them. The fact that I was too timid to seek help from the "rough" fishermen frequenting party boats in those days didn't help much, either.

Although china-back fiddlers were often used in those days, too, nothing produced large blackfish as did green crabs. Fish don't change their feeding habits, therefore, if you want your share of big blackfish, you had better think about getting yourself a supply before your next trip. No longer will you find green crabs selling at two bucks a bushel, the going rate in those days, so make up your mind not to be wasteful with those you buy. Make each bait produce a blackfish; which it will if you go about it the right way.

Next week we'll discuss baits, rigging, and where to find blackfish.

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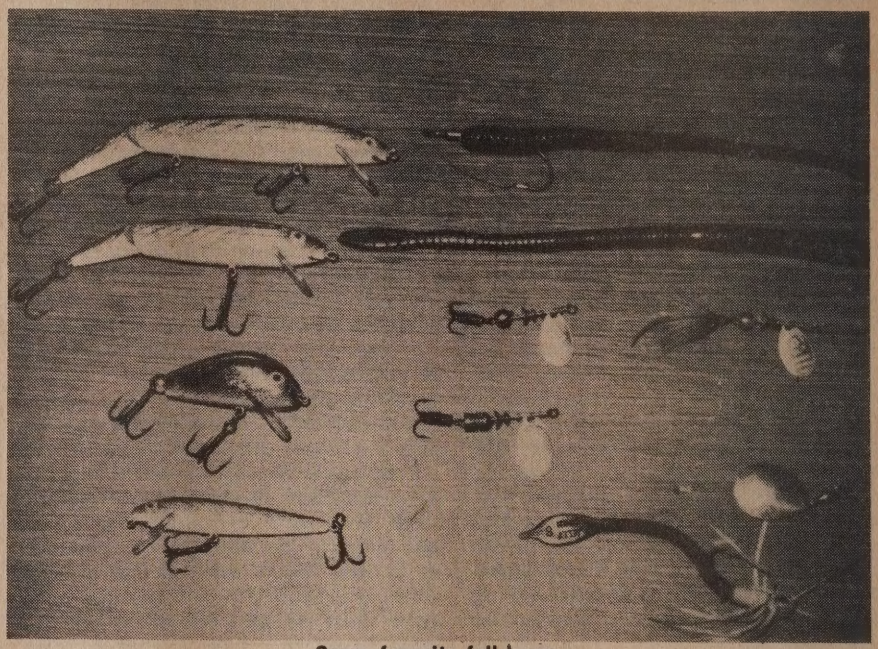
THE FABULOUS FALL

The crisp weather of fall is rapidly approaching, much to the dismay of many who worship the sun and its radiant warmth. But the freshwater fisherman should not fret, since the season of the changing leaves represents a time span when that long awaited for trophy can be caught for you den wall. The potential is also great for sizeable catches of full-bodied fish. It is a time when most of the fresh water game fishes are in the process of "last minute feeding," building up the needed bulk to carry them through the near dormancy of winter. Fall feeding frenzies are certainly a most exciting event for the angler to experience.

I can recall two instances that occured during the fall of 1975 which perfectly illustrate the type of action one can expect when fishing the months of September through November. On both occasions I was fishing east-end lakes with one of my regular bass fishing partners, Dick Kent. Each fishing trip took place when most of our other friends had put aside their fishing rods and replaced them with shotguns. While many of them were out hunting small game, Dick and I were searching out largemouth bass. Were we successful in locating our quarry? You bet we did! The final scorecard indicated that the two days of fishing had yielded 49 bass whose weight range was 2-6 pounds. Every one of these fish was pot-bellied from gorging itself on bait fish. Incidentally, all of the bass were taken on shallow running plugs designed to imitate minnows. The strikes were hard and the fights vigorous.

You might be getting the impression that fall fishing is easy pickings since the fish are basically in a feeding mood. Well, don't be fooled. One of the things that I've discovered during fall fishing trips for bass is that the fish tend to be on the move, searching for available food sources. Another interesting point is that several instances have shown that once located the bass tend to be bunched into groups; catch one and there will probably be a few more around. The challenge confronting the fall angler is the ever present one of finding the fish. The fact that they frequently scatter about makes searching and probing extremely important. The task of fish finding is difficult whether the season be summer, spring, winter or fall. The fall adds another dimension to this process. Relating back to one of my 1975 fall trips I can illustrate this important point. Dick Kent and I had fished several locations on one particular lake without encountering much action. Dick had a feeling about one of the areas that we had been casting over. He was certain of the area's potential productivity, so we returned to this location three times. On the third move we found bass feeding and willing to strike our plugs. We managed to boat several bass, 2-4 pounds, from this area. Our previous experiences on this lake have shown that this particular location is not normally a major holding area for bass during other times of the year. This, in conjunction with the fact that the fish were located on the third sweep of the area seems to indicate considerable fish movement. The area was void of bass one moment and chock full of them the next. This type of condition held true-to-form during a number of fall bass trips. On a lake other than the one previously referred to bass were also found to be concentrated in areas not usually frequented during the spring and summer, and were found to be significantly scattered about. But, when fish were located there were others around. It's a good idea to always keep your plug in motion since you never know when you'll hit into a sizeable concentration of fish.



Some favorite fall lures.

For the most part, fall bassin' can be a shallow water proposition. As the lakes turn over, and the water begins to cool down, bass metabolism gradually reach the optimal level for the greatest feeding activity. If you can find the ideal combination of 68-72 degree water, a slight chop and or overcast skies, you will most likely find fish shallow. Plugs, spinnerbaits and plastic worms work very well during the fall. As the season progresses and the weather becomes colder, go to a smaller bait and reduce the speed of your retrieve. The colder temperatures affect bass metabolism to a point where it might also be necessary to merely "crawl" a bait along. It might also be essential to utilize lighter lines where conditions of high visibility are present. This will become important as aquatic vegetation begins to die off.

Aside from the bass that you can pursue in the fall, don't lose sight of the fact that fall trout fishing can also be

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spectacular. One of the added pleasures to the Long Island trouter is the presence of sea run trout or "salters" as they are commonly referred to. The Conservation Department has stocked many of the Island's tidal streams with both brown and brook trout. The fish will migrate into salt water and make a fall return trip to the original stocking area. The salters usually make their appearance toward the latter part of October. For those of you that think the trout season to be over during the month of October, think again. If you look at the guide book distributed with each New York State fishing license, you will notice that certain Suffolk County streams can be fished through the end of November. Past performances have indicated that the two best bets for sea run brown are the Connetequot River and Beaver Dam Creek. Both of these areas have produced fish in the four pound class, though the average fish tends to be significantly smaller. The largest recorded rod and reel catch of a salter is fish in the six pound class. If you decide to do some fall hunting for sea run fish remember that you will most likely be fishing in areas where tidal conditions do, in fact, have an affect on the fishing. An hour before the peak of high tide and an hour after prove to be the best fishing times. Also, the live bait fishermen has a slight advantage, since the salters seem to prefer the real thing.

We're not through just yet. Don't forget Long Island's sizeable pickerel population. Ole chainsides also becomes active in the fall of the year. Mr. Pickerel is not one to allow all these other fish the only crack at the abundant bait fish. He intends to get his fair share and he intends to smack the heck out of your lure. Once again, let me refer back to one of the trips of last year. The trip happens to be one again with Dick Kent and we were fishing for bass, again. As it happens so often when bassin', pickerel happen by as a fringe benefit. We had caught a few nice pickerel, but were more interested in the largemouths that were also present. Dick was fishing a sinking minnow type plug. On one of his casts, the plug was abruptly stopped. The fish hit hard and ran fast, leading us to the determination that it was a fairly decent pickerel. Dick fought the fish to within about 10 feet of the boat, when the pickerel decided to release some ballast and rise to the surface. With net in hand I waited. What I saw just about knocked me out of my socks. It was the biggest chain pickerel that I had ever seen on the end of a line. It was at least three feet long and certainly better than six pounds. It was so big that my net hand shook as I prepared to make a try for it. Then the fish decided that it had enough of this foolishness. It fooled over the plug and popped free. As quick as he made his presence felt, he was gone. Moral: Keep pluggin' in the fall. That big fish is bound to just happen by. It's up to you to make certain that you stick him and get him. Good Luck.

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Surf Side with John Fritz

The Magic of Mullet- Yesterday and Today

Another look out of the kitchen window, to check the incline of the pine tree in the yard. The wind was still whistling out of the northeast, chasing the dark rain clouds before it.

Now a look again at the wall clock, 9:20 A.M., "George should be home from work any minute," I mussed, "I'll give him five more minutes before I phone.

The time dragged ever so slowly as I paced the floor of the kitchen alternatively glancing out the window or checking the slow moving hands on the clock. My gear was ready and breakfast was long over. All I could do was wait as my thoughts wandered back to a similar September storm ten years prior.

My initiation into the fishing possibility during nor'easters in September only goes back to the early 60's. A high school chum gave me a call one evening after leaving the Point Lookout jetties. Jim had gone there with the intention of doing some bottom fishing when he chanced upon schools of bass working the pods of mullet pouring out of Jones Inlet.

"Whole schools of little fish being cased by big fish jumping clear out of the water," he excitedly related over the phone.

We were both new to the game of surfishing and at the time did not realize what was taking place. I made sure that I was on the beach before dawn the next morning in time to see the spectacle for myself. Twelve hours later they were still at it. I only managed to land two fish, my first ever over ten pounds. God only knows how many I lost for a variety of reasons.

Later upon questioning more knowledgeable surf fishermen I was told we had hit upon the fall mullet run.

The clock showed 9:25 as I dialed the number. After I explained the situation George's reply was, "I just walked in the door and all the way home I was thinking how nice that bed is going to feel."

"You can sleep anytime but this is the storm we've been waiting for all year," I answered.

He really didn't need much persuasion. "Ok, I'll pick you up in 20 minutes, let me grab some breakfast first," was the grumbled reply.

By 10:30 we were gazing at the Cedar Bar. It looked beautiful. Enough white water was formed by the storm as the breakers destroyed themselves on the shoals while the wind gusted over our left shoulder made casting child's play.

After two hours of incessant plugging with only one rat to show for our effort, I began to have doubts. There was no one around but us as we sat in the buggy discussing the turn of events and the warm beds waiting at home.

"There's a break," George yelled almost splitting my eardrums. "Just to the west of the bar."

We bailed out of the Scout as if it had suddenly caught fire and began one of those days a surf fisherman always dreams about. Alone on the beach (two guys came hours later), and the fish hitting any popping plug on almost every cast. Every fish over 10 pounds, with the exception of five blues about nine. Many fish were in the high teens or low twenties, although George had one out-sized cow of 42. Our total for the afternoon was 39 bass including several released. Many others were dropped with hooks straightened and frayed lines.

Mullet are torpedo-shaped fish that prefer warm, shallow water where they grub for decaying vegetable and animal matter on sandy or muddy bottoms. Algae form another part of their diet but the feeding habits of mullet are of no concern to us here. I have not heard of anyone specifically fishing for mullet in our area. Although mullet supposedly make fine table fare our quarry is their hunter, large bass or blues.

Bottom fishing for gamefish using mullet as cut bait is a possibility but the standard baits such as bunker, mackerel, clams or eels are more readily available. Snagging the mullet with the weighted treble hooks, such as those used on bunker would seem to be the most productive method.

Anyway, the striped mullet are found in warm waters around the world and on the Atlantic Coast as far north as Maine. Unusually large species can attain three feet in length. Because of their rapid growth, mullet are used in brackish and saltwater pond culture.

In our area the mullet spend the summer doing their thing in the bays. When the cool nights of September approach they move towards the inlets in preparation for their migration southward. The trigger that starts them pouring out of the south shore inlets is usually a strong northeast storm around the middle of September. The date of the lead story was September 20th, but the run could take place as early as the 9th.

During a good run the bass will lay along the surf line for up to a week ambushing their prey as the mullet are swept out of the inlets on the falling

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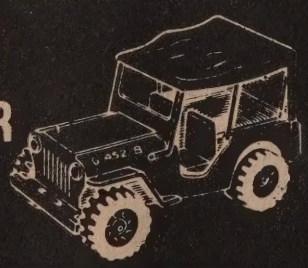

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tides. The first day of the run I've found to be the best with gradually decreasing results as the days pass and the schools of bait-fish thin out.

During some years the run does not generate much interest from the bass. Whether the reason is that the schools of mullet are too widely scattered to attract quantities of predators or generous supplies of an alternate bait are available is conjecture on my part. Other possibilities include the supposition that the run takes place too far off the beach to be noticed by land-based fishermen. Maybe the action takes place unobserved by the surf clan although this is doubtful with the amount of surf fishermen evident now-a-days. I have not read anywhere that the mullet are cyclic in nature but it is a possibility.

The point being that some years are fantastic while in other years nothing happens.

As is generally known, on the south shore of Long Island any wind out of the north tends to flatten the surf, cause the water to become murky, and push the bait off the beach. This wind also flushes the bays of great quantities of weed. This weed will be pushed offshore for the most part but difficulties could be encountered when fishing bottom or with the use of the swimming type plugs.

When the mullet leave the bays their instinct for survival leads them to closely follow the shoreline in tightly-packed schools rippling the surface of the water. Since the schools of bait are near the surface this situation lends itself to the use of the popping plugs with the color blue being the preferred choice. Although when the gamefish are glutting themselves in the frenzy of feeding, color does not matter.

Long casts are not necessary when fishing the point of a jetty. On occasion the mullet are literally at your feet as they swim around the tip of the rock obstruction in their desire to hug the shallow water. This was the case that morning on the jetty at Point Lookout.

A beach such as Cedar is another story. Long casts are sometimes necessary because the pods of mullet may follow the outside of the bars in their journey west. If this is the case I find the heavier Polaris or Lupo poppers to be a distinct advantage. Therefore, I recommend an eleven foot stick with the Crack 300 or similar reel.

Any of the south shore inlets offer the chance of participating in this exciting fishing. Time will have to be spent on the beach. With each blow from the northeast, the mullet will be feeding west so place yourself accordingly. With luck you'll be there to see the pods of mullet slowly working along outside the wash. With a lot more luck you'll be Johnny-on-the-spot when the bass send the frightened mullet leaping towards the clouds.

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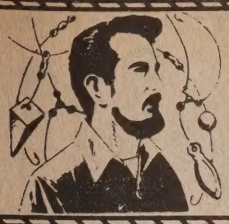


THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

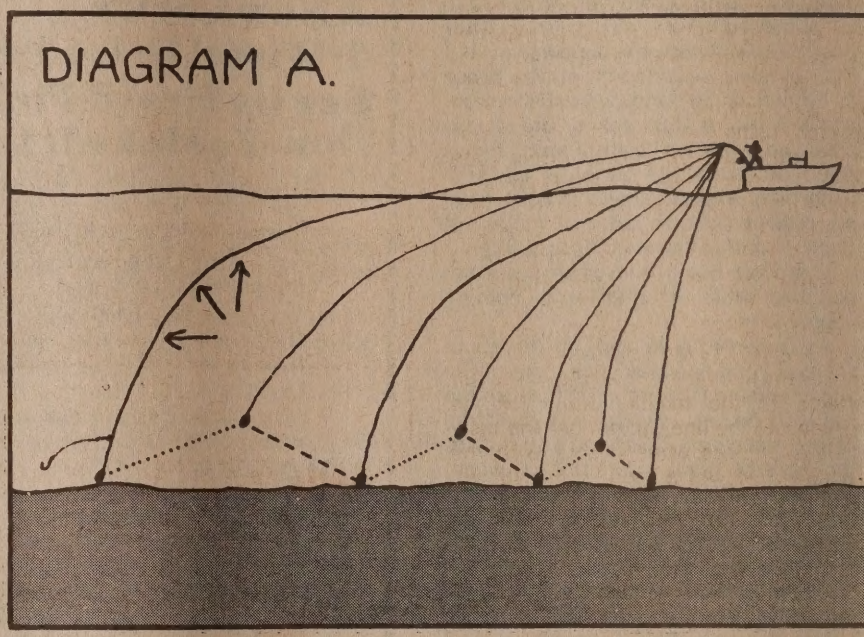
Bottom Fishing In Strong Currents

One of the many angling skills that must be mastered by the novice before he can consider himself as accomplished bottom fisherman is the ability to fish effectively when there is a strong current, which usually presents the angler with two problems that must be overcome: keeping the rig on the bottom within the feeding zone of the fish, while at the same time being able to detect a biting fish. While the solution may seem as obvious as simply using a heavier sinker, it isn't.

The easiest method of keeping your rig on the bottom in a strong running current is to join it rather than fight it by drifting. Normal drifting conditions will move the boat at more or less the same speed as the current is moving your rig over the bottom, allowing you to "hold" bottom with a minimum amount of line and weight. But what about when the fish are congregated over a small bottom formation, or the bottom is very rough and you start hanging up rigs, making drifting not worth the aggravation? Then you are forced to anchor-up over the fish, and that's when holding the bottom becomes a real problem.

The basic problem is created by the water resistance of the line. As the moving water pushes against the line, more weight in the form of a larger sinker becomes necessary to get the end of the line (with the rig) to the bottom and stay there. If you never thought of how much water resistance your thin line actually has, try this little experiment and be prepared for a shock: Next time you are on a moving boat, go to the stern and start letting out line into the water without anything on the end. Let out a couple of hundred feet, then put the reel on lock, but hold on—the water resistance will make it feel like there is a five or ten pound weight attached to the end of the line!

This line resistance can be held to a minimum by using the lightest possible pound-test the prevailing fishing conditions will permit. The lighter the line, the smaller its diameter, so the resistance is less. It's for this reason that wire line is so popular among the trolling fraternity—its fine diameter and weight keep the water resistance to an absolute minimum, allowing the troller to get his lure down to the level of the feeding fish with a minimum amount of line out. While a lure on the end of 300 feet of monofilament line dragged behind a moving boat will only be a few feet below the surface, 300 of wire line will put the lure 30 feet or more below the surface while trolling at the same speed. The same holds true in extremely deep water bottom fishing, like the popular tilefishing that is often done in water 400 feet or more in depth.



When the current is slack or just barely moving, it is usually possible to fish right under the boat with a minimum of weight. But as the current increases in speed, the water resistance will begin to move the sinker away from the boat. At first this can be overcome by simply using a slightly heavier sinker. To make changing sinker sizes easy, always use an end loop on your rig for the sinker so that you won't have to cut up the rig and re-tie knots just for a sinker change.

Eventually, when the current is really ripping, the amount of weight necessary to keep the rig on the bottom will become excessive for the tackle being used. (Examples: 6 or more ounces with 12-lb. test, 10 or more ounces with 20-lb. test, 16 or more ounces with 30-lb. test, etc.) Once you have reached the maximum-weight for the outfit being used, a new situation presents itself. Let's assume you are using 20-lb. test monofilament line on a light boat rod and begin to have trouble holding bottom with a ten ounce sinker. You don't want to use a larger sinker because it would be too cumbersome on the light outfit and may hinder your ability to detect the soft nibble of a bottom feeding fish.

Let's take a look at what happens to this line and sinker when the current is running very strong. When the sinker is lowered to the bottom you will put the reel on "lock" as soon as you feel it touch the bottom. Almost immediately, the sinker will be lifted a few feet off the bottom and further away from the boat as the moving water pushes against the line. (This movement of the sinker is shown by the broken line in Diagram A.) As a result, your baited rig has now moved above the feeding zone of most bottom feeding fish, so you let out more line until the sinker is resting on the bottom again. (Shown in Diagram A as dotted line.) But the additional line has additional water resistance, lifting the sinker again and moving it even further away from the boat. This process will repeat itself several times, until eventually you will be able to keep the rig on the bottom without letting out additional line, only you will be a considerable distance away from the boat as shown in the left portion of Diagram A. But observe how little time the rig actually spent on the bottom during this "dropping back" process.

If you think that your problems are

over because you are holding bottom at this point, stop thinking—because you're wrong. Take another look at the line on the left in Diagram A and notice now there is a large "belly" in the line where the arrows point. This belly in the line will make it almost impossible for a biting fish to telegraph his presence to you at the other end of the line. Add to this belly th 20% or more stretch factor of most monofilament and the problem of detecting a bite is compounded even further. So there you are, with a couple of hundred feet of line out with the resulting amount of 20 feet or more of stretch, using the maximum size sinker the outfit is capable of handling, a huge belly in your line and the bait is a tremendous distance away from the chumpot (if you are using one, as you should be). What' the solution to compensate for all these negative factors?

By fishing with a free-spool. Because you aren't locking the spool, which makes the line taut so that it feels the full effects of the moving water on its resistance, the line will not get the belly in it as it does when fishing with the spool locked. As a result, the rig will never rise very far above the bottom and the bait will remain in the feeding zone of the fish considerably longer. (Path of rig while free-spooling is shown by dotted line in Diagram B.) You also won't be fishing a dead bait that remains stationary for long periods of time, covering a wider area in search of foraging fish. As shown in Diagram B, your line will be straight without a belly even when far away from the boat. The only negative factor you will be left to contend with is the amount of stretch in the line, but in itself this is a problem that can be lived with.

Free-spooling line in a strong current is one of those fishing techniques that sounds much more difficult on paper than it actually is, so please bear with me and don't get discouraged. First, lower the rig to the bottom as you normally would, only don't put the reel on lock—instead, stop the spool from revolving with your thumb. Now, point the tip of the rod DIRECTLY AT THE LINE, so that the monofilament is in one continous line between the sinker and the spool, as shown in Diagram C. If possible, try to make the line travel through the center of the guides so that it isn't even touching them. This will give you a direct line between you and any biting fish, allowing much more sensitivity than the more common position of the rod and line as shown in Diagram D, where the sharp angle of the line leaving the rod tip and the friction created by the line rubbing against a series of guides cuts down on the

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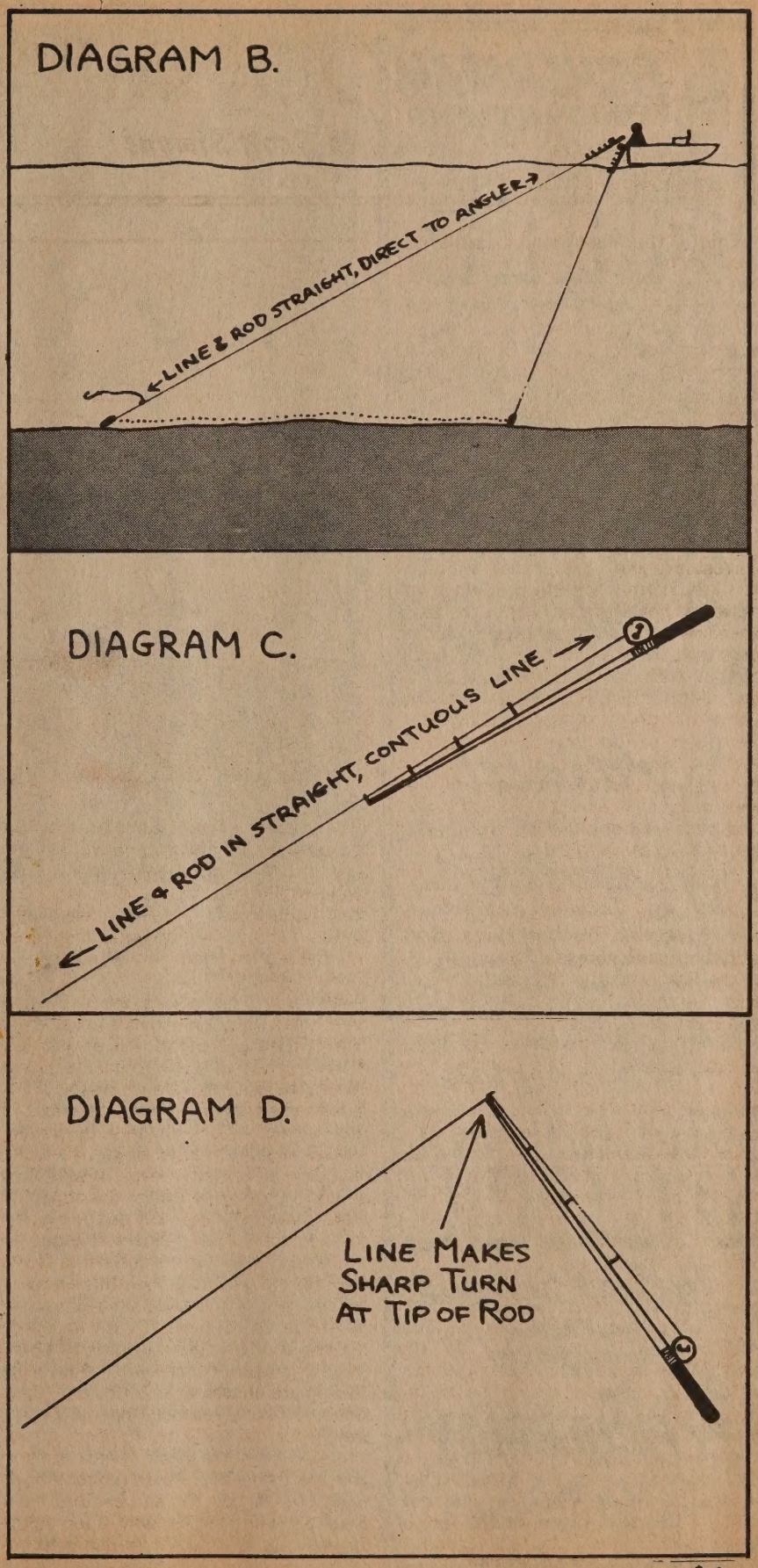
DIAGRAM B.
LINE & ROD STRAIGHT, DIRECT TO ANGLER
DIAGRAM C.
LINE & ROD IN STRAIGHT, CONTUOUS LINE
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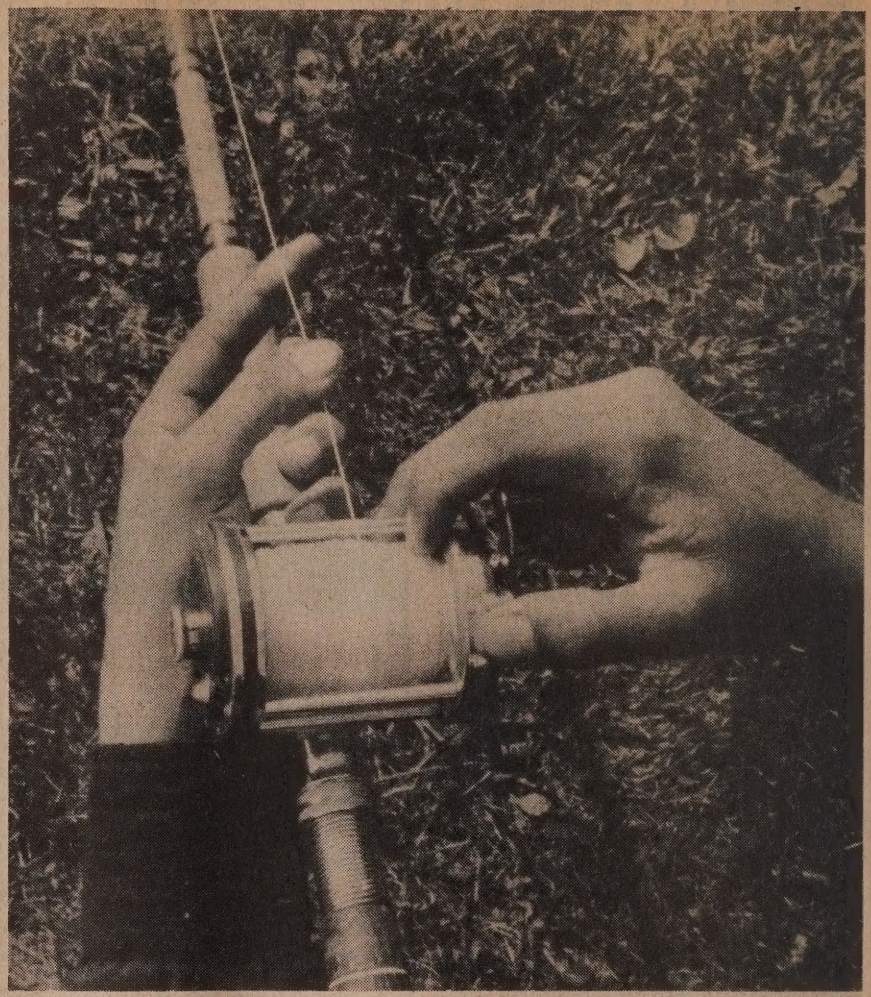

sensitivity and anglers ability to detect a bite.

When you feel the sinker touch bottom, stop the line from feeding out by applying pressure to the spool with your thumb. Gradually you will feel more and more tension on the spool as the line creates water resistance. When you think you can feel the full weight of the sinker, ease up the thumb pressure to allow more line to feed out until you feel the sinker bump bottom again. If you are doing it right, it shouldn't be necessary to let out more than one or two feet to touch bottom again. If you are letting out more line than this, it means that you are allowing the sinker to rise too far off the bottom, the problem you are trying to overcome. When you get the free-spooling down pat, the line will be slowly coming off the spool at a continous speed without allowing any excess slack line being created. When the rig gets too far away from the boat, reel in and start over again.

To obtain the greatest sesitivity as to what is happening at the other end of line and to be in the best striking position while free-spooling as described, try holding the rod as shown in the photo. The following instructions are for those anglers that are right-handed, so if you are a lefty either do everything the opposite or hold the rod behind your back and look in the mirror while humming the theme song of "Jaws". With your left hand, curl your pinky, ring and middle finger under the rod just in front of the reel seat. The line leaving the spool runs under the thumb and over the index finger, barely touching both. The bottom of the left side of the reel is cradled on the base of the thumb where it joins the palm. The right hand has the pinky, ring and middle fingers grasping the right side-plate of the reel. The right index finer is draped over the side-plate and is touching the spool, controlling the revolving spool instead of the thumb as previously described. The thumb is on the locking lever, ready to throw the reel into gear. Your eyes should always be on the tip of the rod, watching to make sure that the mono is leaving the rod in a straight line as described. That's it!

When you feel the slightest "tap-tap" or vibration of the line running through your left thumb and index finger, push the locking lever forward with your right thumb, lift the rod tip sharply and set the hook...you've just learned the art of bottom fishing in strong currents.

ATLANTIC SALMON

BY FRED GUARDINEER

YOUNG SALMON, CALLED ALEVINS WHEN THE YOLK SACK IS ATTACHED, HATCH FROM TINY EGGS, LATER AS FRY, THEN SMOLT, THEY LEAVE THE RIVER OF THEIR BIRTH AND SWIM INTO THE SEA BEFORE RETURNING TO SPAWN.

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The Worm That Turned

Part I

by Dick Mermon

Why is it that fishermen single out various type lures and segregate them saying that these are fresh water and these are salt? No matter where fish are to be found they seem to all have the basic cosmetics, such as gills, fins, eyes and scales. Even their diet is primarily the same except possibly for difference in size, shape and color of the prey. Within both water worlds, forage either swims, crawls, or wiggles. Henceforth, there should not be any predjudistic choice between the two different water fishermen, of what lure to use and where to use it. Ah, but there is! Because, the lures manufactured inland belong to the so called sweet water environment. Shameful to tred upon the territory of its salt water brother. In the same manner, many salt water fabricated lures, born along the coastline never gain admittance within fresh water areas.

Strange as it may be, the most popular lure of the largemouth bass fisherman, has really yet to scratch the surface of the salt water field. Comparing the largemouth with the striped bass, they are practically both the same fish except one is wearing striped pajamas. The lure which I speak of is the soft plastic worm.

First introduced into the salt water local as a large sea worm for trolling stripers, it probably was conceived too soon. The striper fisherman, being a secretive lot by nature, never did acknowledge whether it caught fish. Hence, for whatever reason given or presumed, the plastic sea worm died at birth.

Germination of soft plastic lures began after World War II and a similar type worm appeared for experimentation stages on the fresh water bass scene. Low and behold the new worm creation caught fish. Over and over it was tried on black bass within the fresh water, continuing to fool them each time. Expansion of the plastic worm led to new designs, colors, shapes and sizes. A fresh age in sweet water lures arose and the salty fishermen lagged behind, with their noses stuck in the air.

The time for the use of the soft plastic worm in salt water is NOW upon us. The methods of rigging, and presenting the synthetic worm in its new environment is no different than that of the fresh water procedure.

Plastic worms are manufactured in dimensions from four to nine inches, with a few "hogg killers" of thirteen inches. The size of the worm depends largely upon the depth, current and area of the water which the angler is fishing.

Through experimentation, I have found several methods of giving a plastic worm the seductive enticement it requires. Weighted lead heads, such as those used in bucktail lures; action heads that sway the long worm back and forth; bullet heads which are standard for fresh water methods; and the unweighted or natural floater worms, are all proven methods.

The simplest means for adding weight to a plastic worm is with the use of an old, nude, lead jig head. The head end of the worm is pushed onto the point of the hook of the jig head and slid up the full length of the hook's shank, pressing the worm forward against the back extension of the lead head. The jig head should blend together with the worm as though it was one continuous unit. When the worm is completely covering the shank of the hook on the jig, the point is brought out of the soft plastic body.

Almost ninety percent of the time a plastic worm is rigged in some fashion to be weedless when in fresh water. It is not required that the lure be weedless at this time. The important factor is the action which the lure must create.

A soft plastic worm with this type of jig head must be given action. I found that by casting it out as far as possible and allowing it to settle to the bottom stimulates the attention of the fish. Slowly the worm is retrieved in a stop and go motion, bumping it along the bottom. To add a greater degree of allurement, I twitch the rod tip with every turn of the reel handle, then allow the worm to drop back to the bottom each time. This action produces extra wiggles to the worm's tail section.

Most of these soft plastic shoe strings, with flat ends are buoyant in the tail sections. Therefore, no matter which type of weight is used in the head section the rear end will be suspended slightly during the retrieve.

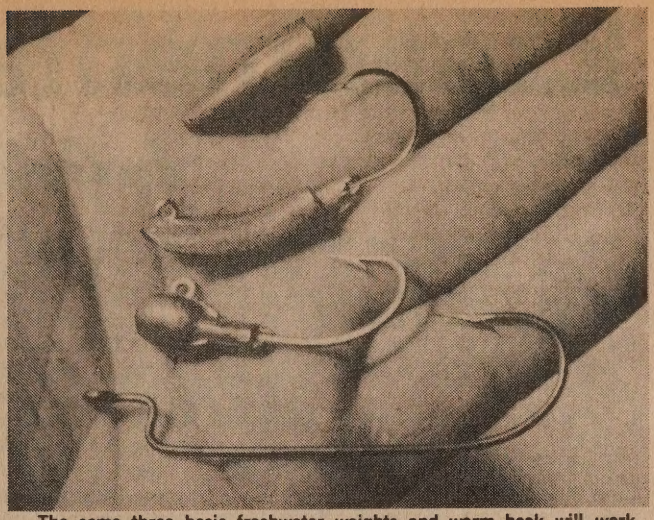
Presence of moving water or current in the fishing location improves the worm's action. Upon casting the shoe lace lure slightly up current, it is again permitted to settle to the bottom. The current will carry it along, rolling and sweeping the lure with the change of water movements. As it begins being carried by the undertow, the lead head will point downward and the floating tail proceeds in a devious manner, as if it were a genuine soft bodied creeping animal looking for a place to hide. Once the worm has reached a point where the effectiveness of bouncing or rolling has ended, I hold it in a steady position and the moving water activates the tail section stronger. Gradually the worm surfaces slightly off the bottom as it is held against the waters flow. If no strike has occured by this time, I slowly retrieve it in a bumping, twitching manner. Retrieving it in this fashion creates feverish wiggles of the worm's tail.

The weighted jig head and worm, is also successfully used as a midway, or high off the bottom lure. In the presently rigged manner, I cast the worm lure outwardly and slightly up current once again (if there is water movement present, so much the better), except this time the lure is allowed to sink only slightly and then retrieved as described previously. Each time I work the lure in the same area without a strike, I allow it to descend deeper after the cast. In this manner I determine the whereabouts of the fish being sought. Once I find the proper depth, a number count-down system is applied to the descending lure then I retrieve it.

Available are lead heads which do not have to be twitched to stimulate the plastic worm's action and I found that these are best suited for fishing them at the midway method. These heads are preformed weighted lure heads made to sway from side to side as water passes beneath them. The smallest of which I believe to be the best suited for use with plastic worms is the "Whip Tail Tri-Fi Company, of Smithtown, New York.

More Worms NEXT WEEK!

It takes but a handful of these plastic worms to catch a variety of salt water species, anywhere in the world.



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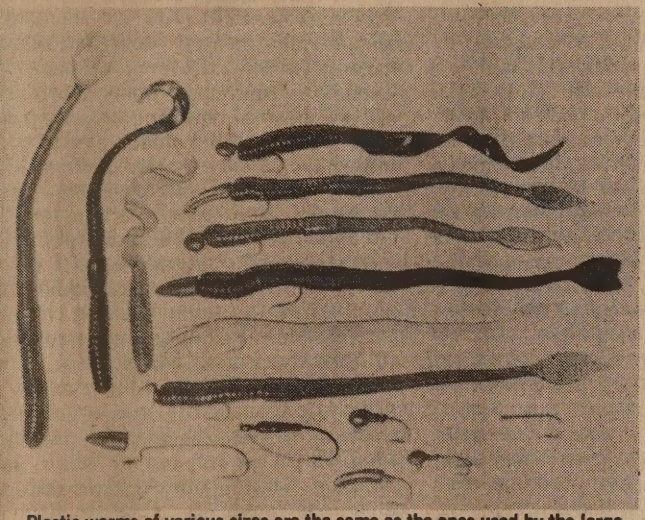
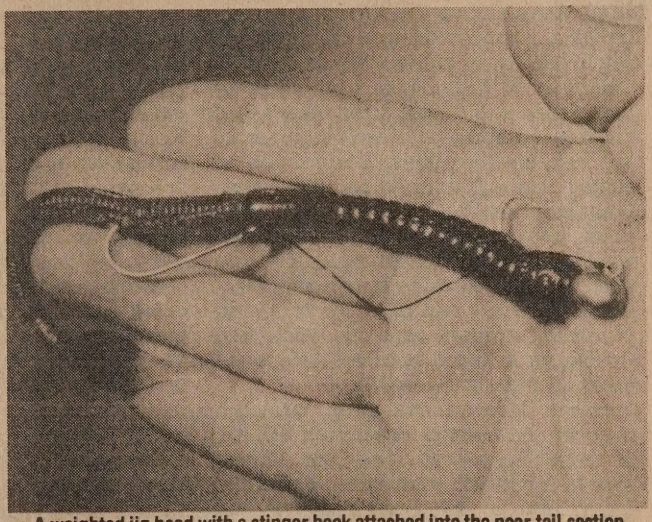
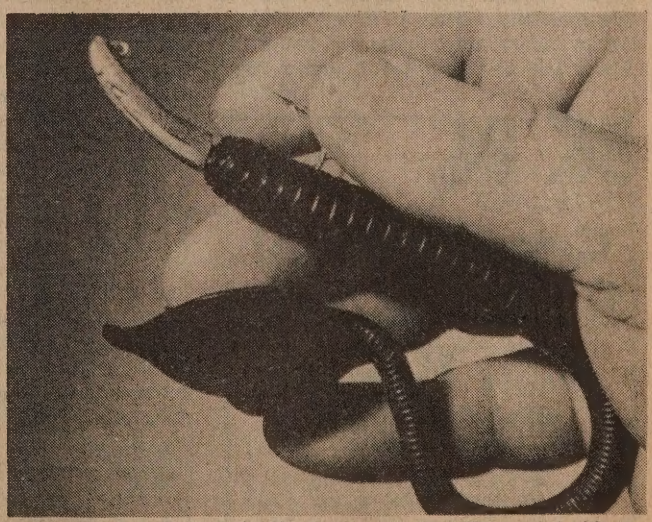


Plastic worms of various sizes are the same as the ones used by the large mouth bass fishermen and are rigged in the same manner.



A weighted jig head with a stinger hook attached into the near tail section. This hook is for the short striking or chopping type fish.

These are the deadly four rigs which may be used througout the salt water world. From top to bottom they are: weedless bullet head; weighted bucktail jig head; Tri-Fin Whip Tail head; natural floater (no weight.)



A wabble type jig head give the plastic worm the action needed without the twitching of the rod tip when it is being retrieved. Even a stinger hook attached will not hinder the side to side swimming action of the long worm.

Experimental Fall Fishing

by Gerald Hahn

Harry, Chuck and I left New York at our usual time, 4:30 A.M. and we arrived at the fishing station, one of the many along Moriches Bay at 6 A.M. On the way out to Long Island, Harry asked, "What do you think is going to be out there?"

"Everything or nothing," answered Chuck.

I added, "You never can tell at this time of the year."

Fall fishing in the south shore bays offers one sure thing—variety. It's a very different feeling to go out on a boat at Moriches Bay (where I have fished for many years) during this time of the year. Usually, I know exactly what I plan to catch and it is reassuring to pull in flounders in May, fluke from June to September and school sized weaks and blues in late spring and early summer.... but now, anything goes. It is possible to come home with a mixed bag of porgies, flounders, sea bass, some good sized fluke, perhaps a few schoolie blues, weaks or stripers, 12" snappers and blue claws. If I had a choice during the fall, I would fish this bay at night for large blues and stripers near the inlet. But fishing for a mixed bag can be equally exciting if you are prepared.

Harry steered the boat into the channel and headed us east to buoy 42. A large, deep area here, has almost always produced whether we drifted or fished from an anchored boat. No one else was fishing here on this day. We dropped anchor just east of the buoy and closer to the L.I. mainland than to Westhampton Beach. In short order, we began pulling up porgies and sea bass. About half an hour later, Chuck hooked into a nice 5 lb. fluke and I netted it for him. A few flounders were caught, as well before the action slowed down and we decided it was time for "step 2."

But first, how did we manage to catch all these different species at the same time? Is it necessary to bring a whole tackle and bait shop aboard? Not at all but it does require a little planning.

Each of us brings two rods, usually one ultra light with 6 lb. test maximum and one medium action spinning rod with 10 lb. test. The ultra light is rigged strictly for the bottom. One of us tries small, baitholder hooks for porgies while another uses Chestertowns for flounder. Sometimes I rig one of each together. Sea bass, here, are generally around a pound and with their generous sized mouths, can be caught on either hook. However, porgies can steal the bait from a flounder hook because their mouths are small and they like to peck at the bait. Conversely, while flounders can be hooked readily on baitholder hooks, they tend to suck in the bait and engulf the short-shanked hook; removal becomes a chore and time consuming and throw-backs are harder to keep alive. Once we see which species predominates, we rig up accordingly. Two snelled hooks are tied in tandem and clipped onto a snap swivel along with a one ounce bank sinker. Although many pros frown upon snap swivels, we find that in this situation, they facilitate changing rigs. The larger rod is rigged in a variety of ways. One of us may use a hi-lo rig with no. 4/0 Carlisle hooks set up at 2-3' intervals and a one ounce bank tied between 6-12" below. Again, a snap swivel connects the complete rig to the main line. This person will cast and reel in slowly to simulate a drift while we are anchored. The second angler may rig up a combination of a two hook bottom rig with a third, top hook for fluke, while the third will be plugging with small artificials for snappers, weaks, or blues. With a little cooperation, we cover many different possibilities simultaneously for the benefit of all.

Although we usually do most of our fishing from an anchored boat, once the action stops, we do not simply start the motor and race to the next spot. Instead, we drift to it. Depending on wind direction, we try to start fishing upwind. If fluke or some other predator hits on the drift, then we repeat the same drifts for awhile until this action stops, after which we anchor again and repeat. Having two rods makes it easy to change methods without going through the hassle of changing rigs constantly. If snappers appear, it is easy enough to convert one rod for catching them while fishing the bottom with the other. It's worth going for them at this time of the year because they are larger and can also be used as bait, i.e., live-lined for a possible doormat fluke. A few large fluke are usually around as they feed heavily on this bait before heading out to the ocean. Fishing for them near the inlet is best at this time of the season. Last fall, a 19 pounder was caught here. Similarly, if blue claws are in, they can be caught here as well, without having to rig up anything special. We always bring a net along for predators, and blue claw crabs can be boated easily with it. Last November, I fished here expecting to catch flounders. Instead, unusually warm weather brought in many crabs. We caught 50 of them on a flounder rig and a net, and we lost only 3 or 4 crabs.

The two most important baits to bring during the fall are worms and squid. We also like to bring some spearing or sand eels. Porgies, flounders, and sea bass will take the worms and fluke or other predators prefer the baitfish/squid combination. Crabs like squid too. Spearing can also be used for catching snappers. If we run out of squid, the snappers can be cut into strip bait to catch other snappers or larger fish. A chum pot filled with crushed mussels, clams, catfood, etc., helps to attract all species while anchored.

When going fishing during the fall with a friend or two, it pays to work out a similar system with them. As a result, everybody will probably catch more fish. Being competitive with them can be fun but at this time of year, it can backfire and everyone will return skunked, unless you are open to a variety of methods of fishing. As you can see, the amount of gear is not extravagant; it is probably in your tackle box anyway. But you must rig them in advance and develop a plan in which each person is doing something different until one begins to get hits. Then, you will all be in business. Once you're out there, you may see others fishing and you will know, immediately, what they are catching. However, it also pays to do a little exploring on your own and to combine fishing methods in some systematic way. Like I said to Harry and Chuck, you can never tell what a day's fishing can bring in the fall.

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by Art Kramer

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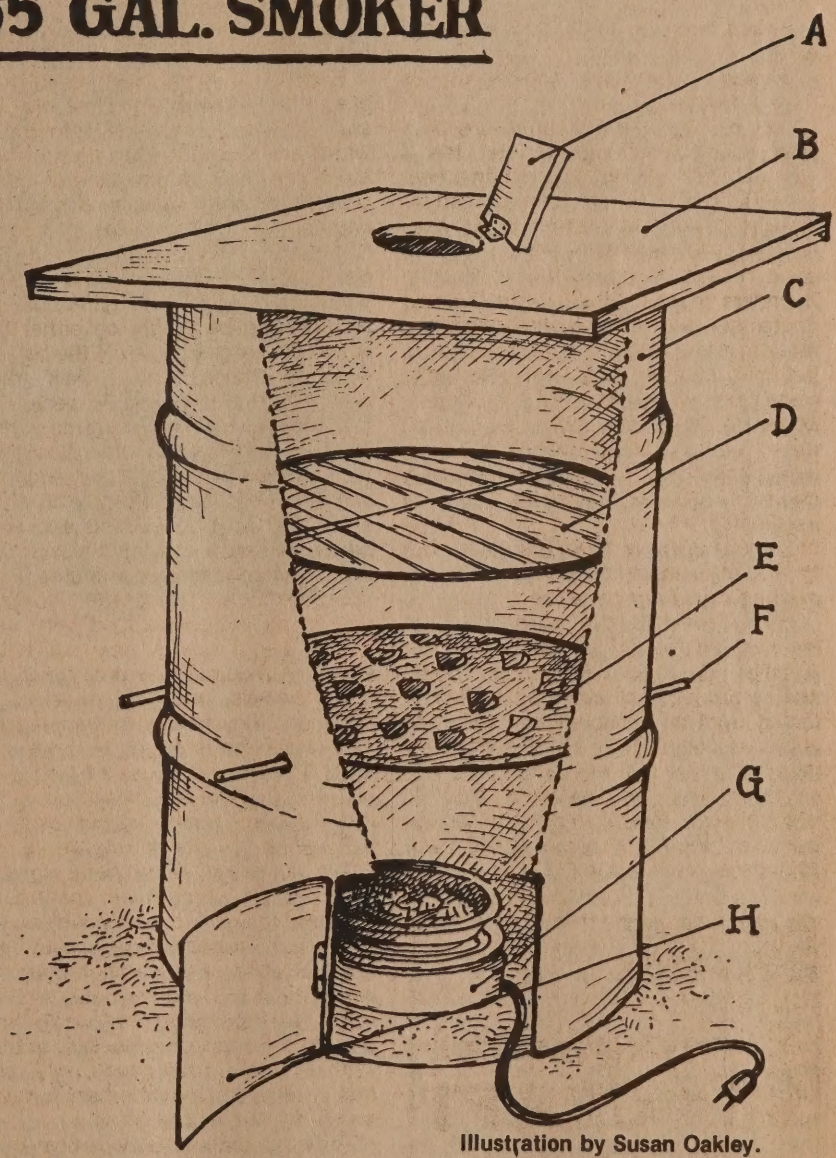
LONG PROCESS

Soak fish in brine [salt] and add enough salt to water to float an egg. Soak 10 hours. Remove fish, scrub under water to remove excess salt and smoke 4 to 8 hours. Do not over soak or over smoke or fish will be hard and dry.

NOTE: Chips or sawdust [hickory] can be bought in many sporting goods stores. Sawdust burns faster but chips last longer.

55 GAL. SMOKER



a. Hinged vent door

B. Plywood cover

C. 55 gallon drum

D. Wire rack suspended from BBL rim with coat hanger wire

E. Baffle made from BBL top with 1 dozen holes cold chisled in it.

F. Rods to support barrel

G. Electric hot plate (note: A metal pie plate should be used to hold hickory chips instead of putting them directly on hot plate.)

H. Hinged door for placing chips as needed.

Note: A smaller barrel may be used if desired.

Illustration by Susan Oakley.

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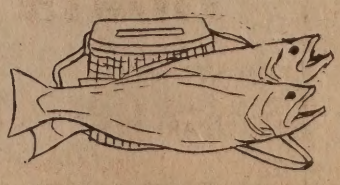

Trolling for Big Bass In the Ocean Part II

by Capt. Ron Onorato

In this concluding part on trolling for big stripers, the various types of lures and how to present them properly will be discussed as well as other trolling tips.

The Bunker Spoon: Without a doubt, the most consistent big fish lure for the past decade is the bunker spoon. This oversized shoehorn has accounted for the bulk of bigger fish when there is a supply of mossbunkers in the area. Fish from the low teens to over 50 pounds in weight have been taken on these spoons. Although there are several types of bunker spoons on the market, the Lupo Bunker Spoon is about the best one to use. This lure can be taken right out of the bag and fished with good results without any modifications by the fisherman. Of course many anglers do make adjustments on the spoons to enhance their effectiveness, but this is personal preference.

The spoon is only as good as the action it is given by the fisherman. You can drag the spoon in front of a horde of giant bass and not get a taker without the proper action. About the toughest part of this bunker spoon trolling is getting the proper presentation of the lure to the fish. It would be impossible to say exactly how to fish the spoon without taking a look at it in the water. First off, you don't want the spoon to spin by trolling it too fast. On the other hand, you don't want to drag a limp piece of steel through the water either. What you want is a side to side action of the spoon. You can get an idea of trolling speed by watching the tip of the rod. You can also get an idea by watching other boats and sort of estimate the speed at which they're trolling. Of course every boat has its own differences and unless the hull design is the same it will handle differently when trolling. You'll have to spend a lot of time until you start to get the hang of things, but when you do, the rest becomes easier.

A word about the rod to be used with bunker spoons; try to use a fairly soft blank that is fast tapered. The tip of the rod is the key to giving the spoon that throbbing action that is so necessary. A very stiff rod will not impart this action to the spoon.

Swimming Plugs: The swimming plug has always been a favorite of the big fish troller. However, its main limitation seems to be that it is limited to either nighttime trolling or around dawn and dusk or on cloudy days. Once that sun starts to get up over the horizon, its effectiveness really diminishes, though fish can be taken on it at any time.

George Oliver shows a Lupo umbrella rig.

The old Creek Chub used to be the main weapon of the plug troller, but of late the Lupo Danny Swimming Plug seems to be the best bet around. There are two sizes, one about 5 inches in length and the other around 7 inches long. Though many trollers swear that color is the key to proper success with the fish, proper lure action is the answer. Many times you could be trolling a big white plug without any hits and go to a plug of the same size in say gold color and start taking fish. Automatically the first thought would be that the fish want a gold color plug. Rather than the color, it was proper lure presentation that the fish wanted. I have tried extensive experiments on this last fall and arrived at this conclusion. Some lures will never catch a fish no matter what color they are, and there are other plugs that will catch fish with no paint at all. I lucked across such a plug and it was painted five different colors at varying times. The plug took fish almost on every occasion it was used. For some reason or another some plugs suffer during the manufacturing, and are nothing more than fancy pieces of wood. You'll have to experiment with several different plugs until you come across a couple that produce. Some plugs come out of the bag that are fish takers and some aren't.

The single Surgical Tube: This lure is the least used of all the big fish lures, though its effectiveness cannot be emphasized enough. Why this very effective lure remains so underused is a mystery to me, but as far as fish catching, there is no question as to its potential. The tubes in question are long jobs, anywhere from 15 to 20 inches in length and are usually made up in either black or red tubing with a big tail and head hook. Big fish as well as small fish will take the tube. Of all the big fish lures, the tube are about the easiest to fish. The desired action of the tube is a corkscrewing swimming through the water so it simulates a swimming eel.

My own tubes are made up by myself by inserting a stiff piece of wire through a desired length of tubing and then attaching the head and tail hooks, though there are many types of premade tubes on the market and some such as the Lupo Eel has a molded in action and eliminates the use of wire.

The Umbrella Rig: The umbrella has become the staple tool of the south shore troller due to the large quantities of sand eels that have been in these waters the past few seasons. These multiple armed rigs imitate a school of sand eels and have taken quite a few big fish last year. The umbrella rig usually consists of 4 red or black unarmed teasers on the inside loops of the umbrella and 4 armed tubes trailing on the outside arms with a single larger tube on the inside swivel.

Fishing the umbrella rig isn't really too difficult once you get the initial speed down pat. The only way to do this is to trail an umbrella rig alongside the boat and get down the RPM's until the desired action is achieved. The main problem with the umbrellas is that when placed in the water they can become tangled very easily. For this reason, some fishermen like to drop the rig overboard by hand. As previously mentioned, black is about the most effective color with purple coming in a close second, and red being in third place. Always try to keep all the tubes the same color and avoid making up a rainbow colored rig, I have found these multi-colored rigs to be very ineffective.

Bucktails and Squids: Up until the last year, the bucktails and parachute lures were considered tools of the school bass fisherman. However there were enough 20 pound plus fish taken on these lures last fall to qualify them as big fish lures. Most fishermen are familiar with the standard 1 and 2 ounce bucktail. The latest innovation to reach us is the parachute lure which has been in use out at Montauk for many years. The parachute is a regular jig body except that it has an equal amount of hair in front of the body as well as behind the weight. This entire mess is, when properly jigged, supposed to imitate a squid. Without a question, the Lupo Almighty Squid is the finest parachute type lure on the market. It has outfished the conventional bucktail twicefold.

Regardless of whether you use the squid or the bucktail, the lure must be worked vigorously with a lot of rod action. A stiff tipped rod comes in handy for this task. Once the jig is at the desired depth, the rod tip is vigorously jigged forward. One note here, always use a strip of pork rind with the bucktail or the squid, it does make a difference. Just make sure that it doesn't wrap the hook and cover the barb.

With the basic lures having been discussed, let's take a look at the actual trolling techniques themselves. Regardless of the type of boat you have, a good paper recorder is an absolute necessity. A plain flasher will merely tell you what depth the water is and that is not enough. You want to see what is under the water you're trolling in. This allows you to get an idea of what bait is in the water, and if there are any big fish around. Only a paper recorder will tell you this. The wise troller rarely spends time on barren looking water, but rather concentrates on the depths where there are either fish or bait markings.

George Oliver shows a Lupo bunker spoon.

The number of rigs that will be trolled depends on the number of persons you will be fishing with and the type of boat that is at your command. The average outboarder will want to fish two rods while is he alone, while a larger boat with a couple of passengers can fish as many as 4 or 5 rods. Three rods is about right as long as it isn't too windy.

The layout of the rods should be something like this; the port rod holder should be set out with 200 feet of wire, the starboard one should be set out about 250 feet and the third one should be set right down the middle with 150 feet of wire out. Three varying levels of water are now being covered by the three outfits, which incidentally should have all the same type of lures. Always troll the same lures at the same time and try not to mix them up. You don't troll a plug at the same speed as a spoon, so one of the lures will suffer lack of proper presentation.

With the three outfits out and hopefully working properly, the rest is a waiting game. I will usually start out at the 20 foot level and angle out towards the deeper water looking at the paper constantly. If there is a good piece of bait or some good readings, I will work several passes until action is forthcoming and then move on. If a north-south pattern doesn't work over a certain area, an east-west pattern is then pursued. If all goes well and you get a hit on one of the rigs watch the recorder to see where you are, and if possible, try some land ranges. Large migrating bass often move in small pods.

Once you got the fish on, slow down the boat so that the boat is just going slightly forward. If there is someone else on board, have him retrieve the other lines so that you may fight the fish without getting tangled up. You should have the drag set with just enough tension for the fish to get hooked, and the clicker should be on. Any sort of hit or wrap by a fish will be signalled by a clicking of the clicker.

When using bunker spoons, you will find that many fish are lost midway through the battle. There really isn't much you can do about this. The same is true about umbrella rigs. You just have to hope that the fish gets the barb stuck in him pretty good and keep the drag at a reasonable setting.

When you first start out early in the morning, fish the lines a little closer to the surface, fish tend to feed closer to the top around dawn. If the normal 30 and 40 foot depths show little in the way of life, try going as deep as 55 and 60 feet of water, sometimes it pays off.

That just about wraps up the very basics of Ocean trolling for big bass. This is by no means an easy game, and patience is the key. It would take a full length journal to cover this very exacting art of striper fishing.

MONTAUK REPORT

by Scott Simons

Fishing in general has been excellent to good with a wide variety of species available for a nice mixed bag. Striped bass finally showed signs of life late in the week and over the weekend with quite a few fish in the mid-teen and 20 lb. class taken trolling parachute rigs and bucktails in the Great Eastern area and Shagwong. A few cows quietly being taken at night on live eels. Local sharpie John DeMaio took 25 bass casting bucktails Friday afternoon and reports that there were plenty of fish around, so the bass fishing may be shaping up for a good fall run after a miserable summer and spring. Bluefishing for the trollers has been picky and you had to work at it as the blues have been scattered. Bluefishing with the herring baits has been excellent at night at CArtwright and off Block Island, good to excellent at Cartwright during the day. Porgy and sea bass fishing still fantastic and getting better and should continue strong to the end of October before starting to fade. Still more than enough fluke being taken to make the fishing worthwhile, especially since there are still a large number of doormats being taken in the rips on the North Side and the deeper water on the South Side running out as far as Frisbees. Cod action has been fair to good at Coxes Ledge, Sharks Ledge and the werecks off Block Island. Offshore fishing excellent for blue sharks and browns, few makos around except for the seven taken in one day on the **"Meditation"** out of the Star Island Yacht Club, but these fish were taken out at the Canyon and is out of the range for most boats. Giant tuna still being spotted occasionally, some true albacore being taken offshore and coming into Shinnecock. Tip of the week: blackfishing at twin buoys marking Outer Shagwong with green crabs. Big bulldogs usually make their appearance there this time every year but are largely ignored by the local boats.

Captain Lester Behan of the **Peconic Queen III** reported that the codfishing at Coxes Ledge was poor so the boat has been fishing Sharks Ledge and wrecks instead. Bluefishing at night with herring at Cartwright was excellent every night except Saturday night.

Barry Young and Lou Kaufman with their catch of a mako and a blue shark taken on a overnite trip aboard the charterboat Montauk.

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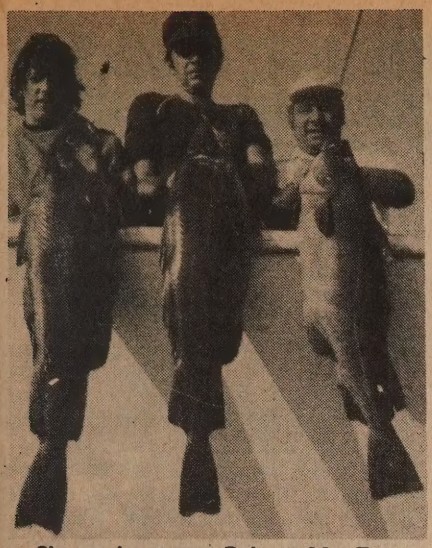


Shown here are Robert Mc Fetridge of Patchogue with a 53 lb cod, George Taffuvelli of Brooklyn with a 50 lb. cod and Joe Stassi of Brooklyn with a 46 lb. cod all taken aboard the Peconic Queen III out of Montauk.

Sandy Pines, 8, and his father Dick Pines with their catch of a 18 lb. 12 oz. doormat fluke aboard John Arnold's boat "Sejon" out of Montauk. The fish was weighed in at Cove Marina.

Friday night was fantastic, with catches measured by the bag full of these big bruisers in the mid-teens.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported that the codfishing on Saturday and Sunday was very good at Coxes Ledge and a few of the wrecks around Block Island, with the pool fish both days running in the fifties. Bluefishing has been very very good at Block Island at night with fish taken on the herring baits averaging in the mid-teens. Fluke fishing has been dropping off but plenty of big ones are still being bagged and the **Viking Starlite** will make the half-day trips for them this weekend. Porgy and sea bass action has been fantastic, so when the fluke leave the **Starlite** will change to these favorites.

Catches at CArtwright during the day with herring have been erratic, great one day and erratic the next, according to Captain Brad Glas of the **Helen II**. Early in the week Brad said that a 20 lb. cod and several doormat fluke jumped on the herring. The **Triton II** also bagged a few cod in the 30 lb. class there during the week, another sign of one of the weirdest fishing seasons in memory. Brad also took the opportunity to ball me out for the typographical error made in last weeks report. The report should have read that the **FIRST** open date available for a weekend charter is October 16th.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the Viking Skipper II told me that the fantastic fishing for porgies and sea bass continues with no end in sight. Moses Robinson of N.Y.C. was high hook during the week with 205 fish that included many humpback porgies and jumbo sea bass. Other high hook scores were 199 and 191 during the week and the weekend fishing was also great.

Captain Howie Carroll of the **Jigger III** said that the fluke fishing is still worthwhile with plenty of fish still in the Midway Rips. Not as many fish on the south side, but they make up for it in their size.

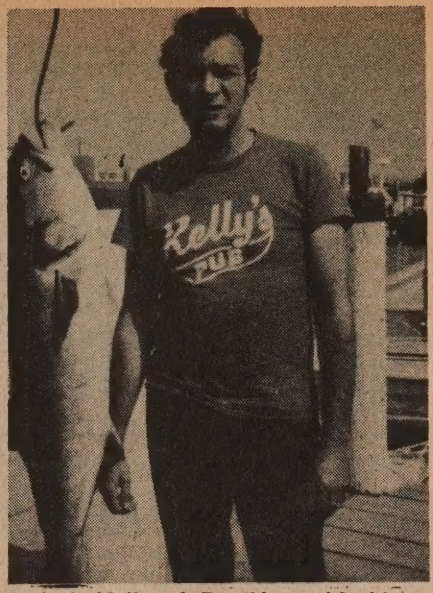
Captain George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** reported that the bluefishing has been good some days but very picky on others, with average catches of about 15 big blues for a half-day trip. The blues are scattered all over from Block Island to Shagwong and are mixed sizes. Some bass were being trolled jigging parachutes and bucktails around Great Eastern on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but the fish were only feeding in short bursts so success was largely a matter of being in the right place at the right time.

Captain Paul Sundberg of the charterboat **Montauk** had a fantastic day of sharking offshore on Saturday in the area 20 miles southeast of the Point in 180 feet of water. Five blue sharks were taken, largest a hefty 235 lbs. Plenty of action still for those venturing offshore.

Captain Ed Spider Hegner of the charterboat **Web** reports fluke still in abundance at the Midway Rips along with sea bass and porgies with plenty of action all day long, using Ed's own lure using fish bait, spearing and squid.

The **Captain Spider** reports very good porgy fishing with anglers really loading up.

Mike Bock fishing 19 miles south of the point put Bob Reich of Monroe NY into a 344½ pound blue shark, 10 foot 10 inch length on Sept. 21.



Jack Kelly of Brooklyn with his catch of a 18 lb. blue which was one of 76 blues taken aboard the "Ebb Tide" out of Montauk. Subscriber Club Photo.

Gary Tuttle and John Maxwell with their catch of fluke aboard the Viking Starlite out of Montauk.

Captain John DeMaio of the **Vivienne** reported that he made good scores with the striped bass trolling and casting to the beach on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trolling bucktails and parachute jigs produced fish in the 10 to 20 lb. range around the Great Eastern area and casting bucktails into the beaches at first light and dusk has been scoring. On Friday morning, 7 bass were taken both casting and trolling, and

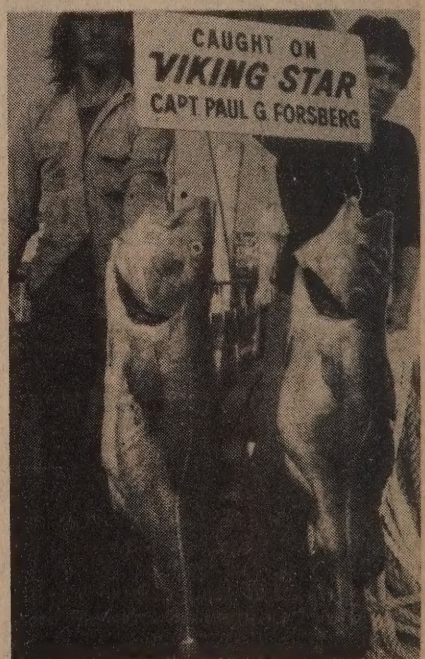
Santigo Sang, Mr. John and Isacc Rosa with their catch of cod weighing 47, 49¾ and 48 lbs respectively taken aboard the Peconic Queen III.

Friday afternoon was a real bonanza. Three bass were taken trolling and 25 were taken casting bucktails and even more would have been bagged if a mess of bluefish of 10 to 12 pounds hadn't showed up to spoil the action. Sunday morning four more bass were taken before the blues got into the act. John reported that it looks like there are plenty of bass in the area, and if you can get away from the blues and boat traffic you have a chance of scoring if you know what you're doing.

The **Star Island Yacht Club** held their first annual Cocktail Party this past Saturday for their members in the Captain's Lounge and all aboard had a great time. **Henry Colombi** was the "Star" of the hour, and announced that the yacht club would be greatly expanding its facilities for yacht club members and will be putting in more showers, laundry facilities, bait freezers, parking facilities and a larger store so that more marine hardware, fishing tackle and groceries may be stocked. Henry reported that the fishing has been good with some excellent catches being made both offshore and inshore. The "Meditation" set some kind of record on Saturday when Captain Johnny V took the craft to the canyon and boated 7 mako sharks. But you didn't have to go that far for offshore action, as the "Entertainer" was chumming for sharks south of the point on Wednesday and had 3 reels stripped by run-offs from giant tuna. A 12/0, 9/0 and 6/0 reel were all stripped before the rods could be taken out of the holders, and several other boats reported similar run-offs.

Inshore bass fishing got a shot in the arm on Friday when the "Marie II" trolled 8 bass to 35 pounds on tubes and the "Judith" took 3 bass to 30 pounds at Great Eastern. On Saturday the "Bumble Bee" trolled 25 bluefish and 4 stripers to 20 pounds on tubes. The "Hi Lee" trolled 25 bluefish on Sunday. Bluefishing at Cartwright was good on Friday with fish up to 19 pounds taken but for some reason the fishing there was spotty on Saturday when not many blues were taken, but those that were were big. Fluke fishing has been holding up extremely well considering the time of year. On Sunday the "Friendship II" fished under the Guns on the south side and netted 60 fluke up to 10 pounds. Captain Paul Igneri of the "Pequod" scored well with the fluke and also took a 5½ lb. seabass while fluking in th erips off Midway.

The **Cove Marina** reported very good fluke fishing both during the week and on the weekend and as predicted in last week's fishing report a new possible world record fluke was taken. Donna on the "Mar—Lee V" took an 18 pound plus fluke on 30 pound test mono line that is a pending IGFA World Record for 30 lb. class Women's Division. Plenty of big doormats are still being taken in the Midway Rips and around the south side, especially on Saturday when the water was flat calm and it was a beautiful day. The porgy and sea bass fishing has been absolutely fantastic and the bluefishing was also great on Cartwright Sunday for



Shown here are Frank Anaya with a 53 lb. cod and Frank DiPalo with a 51 lb. cod taken aboard the "Viking Star" out of Montauk.

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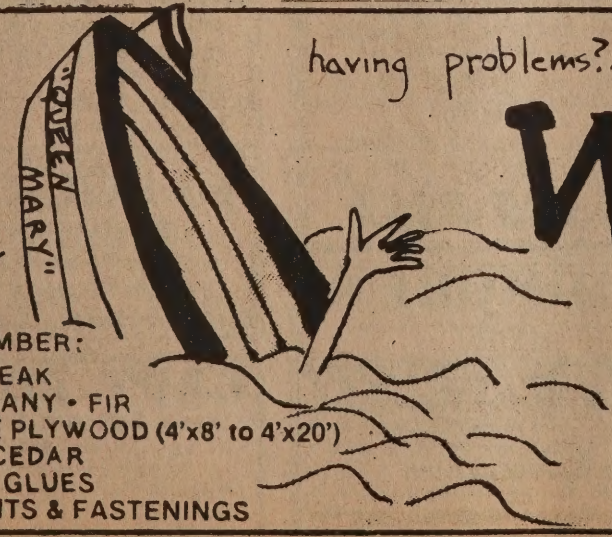

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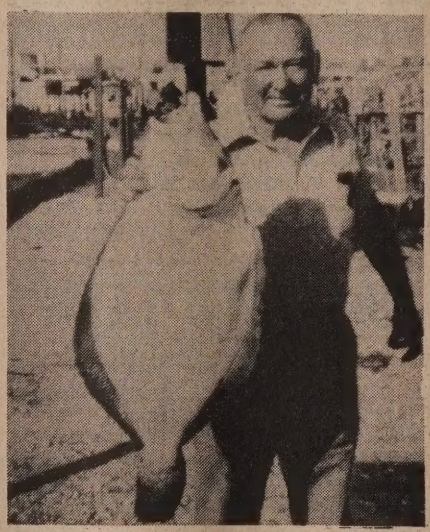
those that fished with the whole herring. Striped bass fishing was very good on Thursday, Friday and Saturday trolling umbrella rigs and jigging bucktails in the Pollack Rip, around Great Eastern and Shagwong. Live eels have also been taking their toll of big bass at night. Cove Marina is now stocking live eels in anticipation of a good fall run. Offshore fishing has been very good this past week for blue and brown sharks. The "Surfmaster" had a good offshore trip on Saturday with plenty of blues and browns taken and there was plenty of action throughout the day.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the **Julie III** charterboat said that in the last two weeks of fishing at Montauk he has had as much as 1000 pounds of porgies and sea bass in a single day for his charters. On Friday Ron had 2 members of the New York City Transit Authority's "Skunked Agin' Fishing Club" led by Fred Johnson and Arthur Morris on a charter and they took 550 pounds of sea bass up to 4¼ pounds and 11 bluefish up to 14 pounds.



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Bill Cox of the **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** reported excellent porgy fishing from the West Side of Gardiner's Island to Cedar Point. Blackfish and sea bass are very good at Lion Head Rock on green crabs and skimmer clams. A few bluefish are being taken trolling umbrella rigs at Crow Shoals. Fat flounder have begun to move into the Three Mile Harbor. Bill said that starting October 1st, the fishing station will only be open on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 A.M. to 4 P.M.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at the **Noyac Marina** reported that Nick Canderelli of Queens Village fished with Bill Fales of Bellerose on Saturday and they had a fantastic catch of 9 weakfish 4 to 6 pounds, 6 fluke 2 to 4 pounds, and 21 humpback porgies using squid for bait off Long Beach. Helen fished the same area on Sunday and bagged 69 humpbacked porgies and 16 weakfish up to 4½ pounds with squid for bait. Fish have been hitting on both tides. Helen said that effective October 1st the station will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

SHINNECOCK

Altenkirch's Tackle reports that true albacore are being taken offshore 40 miles south of the inlet trolling feathers. Over the weekend, one boat took 7 albies in the 40 pound class and several other boats had a few. Fluke fishing has been down with a few still being taken around the inlet. Blues and stripers are being taken at first light in the inlet trolling tubes and feathers, and some bluefish are being taken casting at the same time in the same area. Plenty of blackfish and in the usual local bay haunts. The **Captain Clark Boats** have been having fantastic blackfishing in the local wrecks in Peconic Bay. On Saturday a 10 lb. weakfish chomped on a green crab and a few more weakfish surprised anglers on Sunday.

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taken. Best areas for the flounder have been off the Coast Guard station and in the basket area. Best results have been obtained with bloodworms for bait and mussels for chum. Best action on the flooding tide. The fluke fishing remains fair to good depending on the angler's ability and knowledge of the waters. High boat during the week had 31 keepers that were taken on fluke belly. Best fluking areas remain to be the East Channel in Shinnecock Inlet and around the Coast Guard Station on any moving tide. Snappers are holding up throughout the bay with some snapper blues mixed in.

Ron at **Tony's Fishing Station** reported that the flounder have begun biting very good right in front of the station by the Penny Pt. Motel, off the Coast Guard Station and in the basket area. The one boat that went out on Sunday took 30 nice sized keepers. Best results with bloodworm bait and mussel chum on outgoing tide. Snappers still all over the place.

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Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station told us that the flounder are now showing at Great Gun Beach and around buoy 39. Blue claw crabs are around buoy 27 and 29 on the flats and sea bass and porgies are being taken in the same area. The fluke have pretty much left the bay, but some can still be taken just outside the inlet.

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station reports that it was a very good week with a big variety of sea bass, blowfish, and sand porgies being taken around the hole northeast of buoy 42 providing anglers with a nice mixed bag of fish using worms for the flounders and porgies and squid for the sea bass and blowfish on any moving tide. The flounders are just starting and there are still plenty of crabs all over. A few bass are being trolled around the Coast Guard Sta. and at the Elbow. The fluke have been petering out.

Margaret Lassen of the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** reported that during the week two divers speared doormat fluke of 14½ and 16 pounds. The fluke are starting to move out of the inlet but the flounders have begun moving in to fill the gap. Good catches of porgies, sea bass and blowfish are being made around buoys 42 and 43.

MASTIC BEACH

Gary at **Stiriz's Fishing Station** tells us that the bottom is literally alive with hungry fish who are frustrated and that there is no one out there to catch them. Lots of sea bass at buoys 17 and 19 and tons of blowfish off Patasquash Island. Weakfish on clam, worm and squid at buoys 21 to 23. Snappers from buoy 12 to 19 and porgies at buoy 19 on clam and squid. Eels in the Mudhole at buoy 17. Good crabbing at buoys 17 and 15 with flounders showing at the Smith's Point Bridge, small in size but starting. On Saturday, Brooklyn residents Mr. and Mrs. Mezzella were high-hook for the day with 100 porgies, 67 sea bass on clam at buoy 19. High catch for Sunday was Ben and Donte DiPasquale with 40 snappers, 37 blows, 16 sea bass, 12 porgies, 8 flounder, 2 eels and 22 crabs. Capt. Russ Anderson on the "Norseman" had good fluking in 45 feet of water. Bonita, albacore and false albacore have been taken 8 to 10 miles off the beach on green and white feathers. Big makos over 300 pounds were taken by some private boats over the weekend in 190 feet of water 150 degrees out of the inlet.

SAYVILLE

Doug at **Young's Fishing Station** reported that Jack Miller and Al Morgan who just came back from Lake George where he bagged an 11 pound 3 ounce largemouth bass, showed everybody how to catch weakfish in late September. Fishing around buoy 28 and 29 with squid Jack and Al boated an unbelievable 80 weakfish. Mixed bags of kingfish sea bass, porgies, blowfish and weakfish are being taken on bait around buoys 28, 29 and 24, 25.

WEST SAYVILLE

Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports that fishing between buoys 28 and 29 is producing excellent mixed bags of porgies, blowfish, weakfish, kings and sea bass plus a lot of flounder now showing, all on squid, clam and bloodworms. This is on all moving tides. Joe and Ed Gay on Wednesday took 173 of this fall mixed bag and their chumming helped. All of the skiffs are returning with good mixed catches.

OAKDALE

Howie's Fishing Station reports that their son, Jim Sevendsen passed Captain Irv Levine's Captain License Course with flying colors and that he will soon be chartering from the Oakdale area. Anglers George Ritter and Fred Schwab fishing West Channel this week took 86 porgies up to 2 pounds, seventy five sea bass, sixteen blowfish, all on squid on an ebbing tide. The catch was so good, that Fred returned a couple of days later with buddy John Kropp and fishing the buoy 4 area, boated 110 porgies, 70 sea bass, 24 blowfish, 2 kingfish and 1 rudder fish (?). This was a flood tide with squid.

Captain Irv Levine, known for his Captain's Course and Book, informs us that the Great South Bay Charter Boat Assoc. is officially in business and accepting reservations for the '77 season. The Association boats will be located at the Vanderbilt Wharf, Oakdale, L.I., Gateway to the Bay and offshore grounds. Captain Raul of the DeLa Cruz's "October Run" 516-567-6478, Captain Irv Levine's Big Red 516-567-4181, Capt. Dan Marsh's "Dee and Dee" 516-562-9369.

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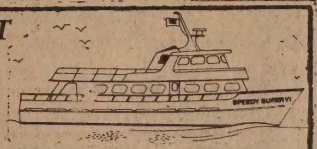

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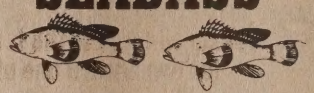
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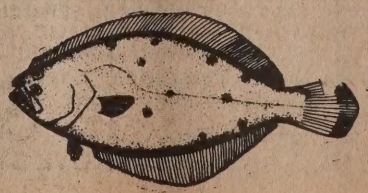

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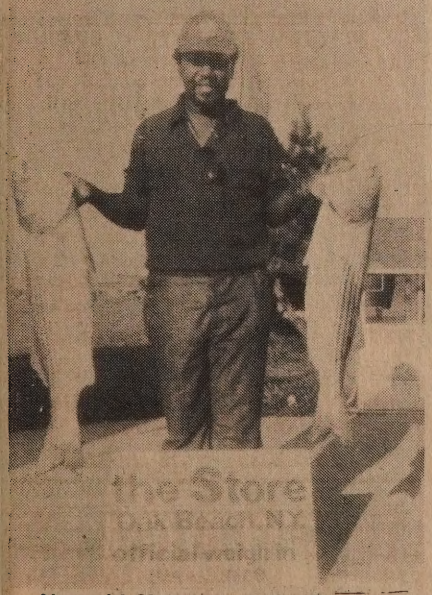
CAPTREE

Captain Burt Blum of the **Jib V and VI** reported that the **Jib VI** is still having good fluke fishing in the inlet but the action has been slowing down and the flounder should be starting soon. The **Jib V** has been experiencing excellent blackfishing on all the local bay wrecks only 15 minutes from the dock. The captain's wife noted that blackfish fillets are excellent for making scampi, or Parmesean. Their firm and white meat make excellent table fare.

Captain Ben Litwin reported that Tom Lehecker of Syosset was a recent Long Island Fisherman Litter Box Contest



Norwald Simmons of the Farragut Club caught these nice bass of 21 and 15 lbs. at Fire Island Inlet on a plug. Photo courtesy of the Store.

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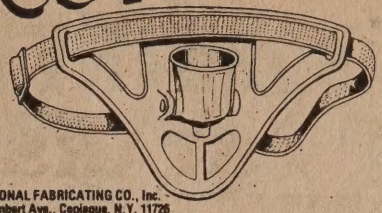

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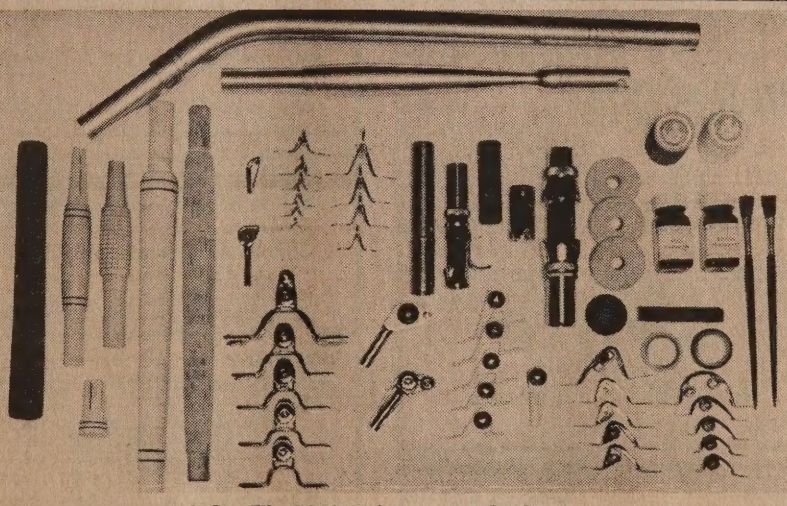

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Captain Bob Joseph of the **Captain Joseph Fleet** reported that the fluke fishing has been slowing down in the inlet. The **Captain Joseph** has had good blackfishing in the bay on the local wrecks. On Sunday the hi-hook was 30 fish and the pooler was an 8 pound bulldog. The **Joseph IV** has been having very good sea bass action on the artificial reef outside the inlet. There is plenty of them and porgies are mixed in.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the charter-boat **Lady Ann** reported that bluefishing has been sporadic during the day south of Cholera, and you really have to work at it to get the fish building up behind the boat and stick it out. The fish are there, because the night bluefishing has been fantastic. On Saturday night's charter 400 fish were boated for 20 members of the Bergen County Anglers. The blues are ranging from 5 to 10 pounds. Neil also reported that the sea bass fishing has been good on the artificial reef.

George from Vans and 4 x 4 Conversions called with the local beach report, that the Sore Thumb is producing blacks from the rocks on fiddlers at the change of tide. Cedar Beach on outgoing produced 1 striper that George saw. 10 lb. class weakfish are being taken in the Gilgo nets while Gilgo is producing 20 lb. class stripers in the surf on plugs, clam baits and live eels. A 40 pounder was taken by one boat off Gilgo near the Old Coast Guard station. Plenty of bait in the area.

OAKBEACH

The Store reports flounders are here, with good catches being taken on the north side of **The Store** off the small pier and the little beaches on each side. Ed Olsen took a 28 pound 4 ounce striper at the Sore Thumb on a live eel from a boat on Friday afternoon at low water. Bob Baio and Jim Wright had 5 bass up to 27½ pounds from the beach on swimmers and outgoing tide during the week, while a 12 pounder hit Bob (Smitty) Smith's small swimmer on Monday morning. The Store now has a big supply of live bass eels in their new super tank, so you can mark this as one of your sources of supply. Farragut Striper Club member Norward Simons on Sept. 20th took a 22 pound striper plus 2 other bass in the 18 pound range on plugs at Pt. Democrat. Good showings of bass are scattered all around, from boats and from the beach, though the true fall run has not started. Mullet is on the beach so watch for swirls and birds. Chumming is producing bass also on the inside.

BABYLON

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** tells us that Saturday was very good for blackfish at the Kismet Reef on fiddler crabs. These are mixed size fish. The East West Channel has been producing very good mixed bag catches of sea bass, blowfish and sand porgies. Lester and Barbara Wojnai took a 4½ lb. fluke under the Long Moses span along with a mess of porgies, blows and sea bass. Squid, worms and clam have been doing their usual good job. Several kingfish have been mixed into each skiffs catch. Mario says this is very good fall fishing. There are still fluke to be had though you have to work for them now. Several flounders have come in in the 1½ lb. class.

LINDENHURST

Captain Tom on the **Sea Horse** happily reports that the inshore fishing has been really great, with lots of weakfish, 10 to 20 per day in the 2 to 3 lb. category being pulled along with huge catches of porgies. Loads of porgies from 50 to 70 per man and good sized too, on clam. Sea bass are mixed in as well. Tom is concentrating on the bay wrecks. A highlight of the week was Deer Park anglers Rich Asner's catch of a 9½ lb. weak taken on clam on the bottom, intended for a porgy. Plenty of blows, snappers and kingfish mixed in.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle reports Steve Pace and Steve Jr. on Vinny DiMartino's "Five D's" had 13 weakfish up to 12 pounds and a 7.9 fluke taken on Friday in the Great South Bay, around the area of the inlet barge on bunker chunks. Plenty of blackfish on the Kismet Reef and under the F.I. Bridge and the draw bridge in the State Channel. Stripers under the bridge running from Captree to Fire Island, with a 14 and 18 pounder taken on live baby blackfish brought in for Wayne. Flounders have started in the State Channel on worms. Lots of blowfish all around, but crabs and snappers slowing now. Fluking is spotty with the inlet mouth producing best right now. Blues offshore, to the west.

COPIAGUE

Jonas Bait and Tackle tells us that William H. Wong took 30 blacks from a boat at Oakbeach fishing into the rocks this past week, fish running up to 7 pounds 2 ounces using fiddler crabs. Lots of blacks at the Kismet Reef on fiddlers and green crabs. Jonas has heard of bass being taken on live eels at Cedar and Cedar Overlook this past

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week though he did not weigh these fish in. Flounders are starting to come in at the Copiague areas, the State Channel off the Amityville Cut and in the State Channel for porgies, sea bass, snappers and kingfish. Fluking appears to have slowed down.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle reports that the present hot spot is West Island for blowfish, sea bass, sand porgies and flounders on clam, worms and squid. For best results use clam or mussel chum in a pot. Also, try a trap for blueclaw crabs in the same area. There is a lot around. Fluking has slowed this week. Weakfish at the bridge areas on the bottom on squid or snapper baits. Blackfishing is excellent at the Kismet Reef, with weaks mixed in. The Wantagh Bridge is producing blackfish at slack on fiddlers and baby green crabs. Still a few kingfish in Zach's Bay and a few humpback porgies at Kismet Reef. Weaks and blues on white and purple Sekora rigs from Jones Inlet to Lido in 25 feet of water. Lots of bait and these fish are underneath them. Three Sisters and Cholera are now holding fish for chummers while bonita and albacore are mixed in and really zeroing in on spearing chum. A few bass on clam chum in the State Channel and at the Wantagh Bridge. These are teen bass. All in all, a very good mixed bag for just about everyone going out.

MASSAPEQUA

Massapequa Tackle and Sports tells us that fluking is still good in the inlet on outgoing on killie and squid but to use snappers or smelts for doormat size fish. Bottom fishing in general is great with blood and sand worms for porgies, blacks, flounder, sea bass and blowfish on any tide, with deep holes working best. Plenty of blacks at the Wantagh Bridges, and the Meadowbrook Bridges with fiddlers for fish from 2 to 6 pounds. Blues in 60 feet of water due south of Jones Tower. Tony Laino and Frenchy of Al Grovers nailed 108 bluefish on Tuesday on poppers, tubes and diamond jigs. Some bonito are being trolled on feathers in 70 feet of water between the two inlets. Live eels are producing from the jetties from east to west with fish from 8 to 20 pounds.

SEAFORD

Salice Fishing Station reports some flounder starting and spread over the areas from Squaw Island to Four Corners. Nice sized blackfish in the 3 pound class at the Wantagh Bridge on fiddlers and squid. Plenty of sand porgies on clam and squid all over the place. Snappers still around. A few weakfish at the 3rd Wantagh on small snappers. Some blows on clam, squid and bloodworm. Fluke petering out. Good mixed bags right now.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports lots of porgies, sea bass available with flounder starting, best areas Four Corners and Zach's Bay on worms, clam and squid. There are still fluke at the inlet but it is starting to quiet down. Lots of bluefish now south of the inlet for chummers and trollers, up to 50 per private boat. Stripers for the surfcasters on chum in the bay. There is a little of everything waiting out there. Stripers are scattered all over the place in catchable numbers though this is not yet the start of the fall run. Crabs are still good, but you must work the edges.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports healthy catches being had now on mixed bags of porgies, sea bass and the start of flounder at Rowboat Alley and Merrick Pt., with Ned's Creek taking the lead in the start of the flounder run for the fall.

Roy at **Merrick Marine** tells of bluefish and stripers in 45 feet of water, with plenty of blues at the 70 foot mark and feeding strong at Cholera. Stripers are being taken from boats locally by bunker chunk chuckers, throwing their goodies at the jetty stones between Jones Inlet and Fire Island Inlet. They seem to be putting bunker chunks or small live bunker on fish finder rigs and scoring well. They have taken fish up to 32

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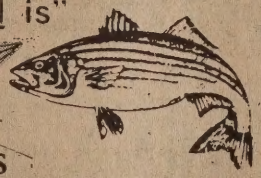

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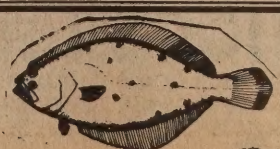

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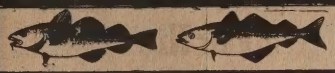

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BALDWIN

Arthur Street Fishing Station reports the fluking is slowing but the flounder is picking up all over the creeks and bay. Crabs are still around. Blues, weaks and stripers are being taken in 45 feet of water outside the inlet on umbrella rigs and, mini umbrellas with 3 tubes. Plenty of blacks and sea bass at the bridges.

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FREEPORT

Freeport Boatmen's Association reports very good bluefishing for all the association boats over the week and weekend close to home. Norseman II had the Chicago Title Insurance Co. out and 2 anglers tied for high hook with 21 choppers each. Over 200 fish came over the rail for the day. The Acme II had the No. Atlantic Steamship Conference chumming the Cholera and 19 was high hook for the day. Blues, albies and bonita are also swimming around together.

Frank's Fishing Station and Marina reports lots of porgies and still a few fluke. Flounder are starting. Hot spots now for porgies and start of flounders are Swift Creek and Long Creek. The porgies are running from ½ to ¾ of a pound.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports still some fluke in the inlet along with traveling bluefish. Blues and weaks in 40 to 55 feet of water with stripers being trolled off Lido. Loads of porgies in the bay, in the Inlet and at the bridges. Excellent blackfishing with fiddlers at the Meadowbrook Bridges. Fantastic fall mixed bag. Small flounders are starting and albacore and bonito are being trolled in 60 feet of water.

The Starstream II through Richie Kessinger Jr. reports very good porgy and sea bass fishing every day, with a few blacks mixed in, working over local reefs and wrecks. Porgies go to 4 pounds but are averaging 1 pound while sea bass are averaging ¾ of a pound to 1½ pounds. Lots of snappers were taken also on Sunday. Very good catches for all hands, reported Rich.

The **Captain Al** reports terrific sea bass fishing with 2500 some odd sea bass being taken on Saturday for 50 fares. Sunday saw 25 anglers bag 1200 sea bass and all the action is between Cholera and offshore wrecks and reefs. The fish are from 1½ to 2 pounds.

The **Lucky Strike III** called to say that on Saturday night the Piscatore Fishing Club bagged 93 blues and lost more. These were 6 to 12 pound fish and the action was south of the inlet at Cholera for these chummed choppers which provided continuous night time action. Charterboat **Captain II** had very good bluefishing Tuesday through Friday at Cholera, fish 6 to 18 pounds. Real alligators but these fish are on the move on Tuesday, 240 came over the side for 12 people on chum. The weekend slowed

ue to lots of boat traffic.

The **Aloma II** reports Saturday was xcellent for flounder, fluke and hand zed porgies. Captain Paul says lots and ts of half pound porgies and some ounders from ¼ to 1 pound. On Sunday 1¼ lb. flounder was taken, so the **loma II** will be digging in for porgies nd flounder from now until codfish me. The **Aloma II** has been steadily anging away on the sea bass popula- on to customers enjoyment. Paul says nat the local wrecks are starting to come live again with plenty of sea bass in the alf to ¾ lb. range.

Captain John of the **Miss Freeport** aded up with blues on Saturday while humming. The fluking is slowing and he boat will be bottom fishing on a teady basis now.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Marina reports keeper fluke eing taken in Jones Inlet. Blacks up to 3 s. are being taken on fiddlers at the ridge. Flounder are starting to come in n worms.

Ed's Fishing Station reports that the luke fishing has dropped with some still eing caught on the flats toward the nlet. Sea bass and small porgies are eing taken at buoys 16 and 18. Blues re being caught outside Jones Inlet rolling umbrellas.

ISLAND PARK

Open boat **Commodore** has been ishing Ambrose Saturday and Sunday ith very good results on the fluke. They re running up to 5 pounds and almost ll fish are keepers. Flounders are tarting locally with plenty of bay orgies, Lafayettes and now the flounder oining in. Female angler Mrs. Rita Messapelle took 25 keeper fluke on Saturday and is the talk now of Elmont.

Beckman's Tackle reported bass of 8 10 lbs. were being taken Friday night rom the beaches on plugs and eels from oint Lookout and Democrat Point. lackfishing is holding up at the bridges nd rock jettys with these 6 to 7 ounders being taken on fiddlers and reen crabs. King sized snappers are till plentiful everywhere. Many keeper luke are being taken in the inlets on melt and squid. Crabbing in the local ays is still good.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Captain Ron Lepper of the **Kim** and he **Atlantic Beach Charter and Guide oat Fleet** reports some stripers over 30 ounds have been trolled this past week ff Lido Beach on spoons. This was seen y jetty jockeys Ron had spoken to. Some ass were also trolled from Jones Towe o Gilgo on spoons. Not a lot of fish, just the normal september amount of bass.... NOT the big fall run which is expected to come at any time. A lot of stripers from the beach on bait, from the same general area. Trollers had great bluefish action from Long Beach to Jones Beach in 50 to 60 feet of water. Spoons and tubes and umbrella rigs did the job but things slowed after Friday and on the weekend they slowed down a lot due to boat traffic and the weather. Ron reports that he had a charter out on Sunday morning and bagged 60 bluefish at Jersey by 9 A.M. on Red Lupo Umbrellas. He fished from Sandy Hook to the West Bank light and that fish were breaking under birds that were feeding on silver dollar butterfish.

JAMAICA BAY

Yellowshed Bait & Tackle reports that porgies, lafayettes and snappers are being taken at the North Channel Bridge. The South Channel Bridge has been bringing in the same catch along with blacks and stripers. Fluke are being taken at the Marine Park Bridge and in Rockaway inlet up to 2 lbs. and better. Crabs are still at the bridges and flats and flounder are starting in the bay.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Salvo's Bait & Tackle reports that snappers, lafayettes and porgies are being taken at the Coney Island Pier and the 69th St. Pier and bulkheads on spearing and worms. Chopper blues from 8 to 18 lbs. are being taken from Norton's Point to Hoffman's on jigs and umbrellas.

Pete Wallas caught 18 blues from 8 to 16 lbs. on Salvos skirted umbrella rigs.

Bass from 8 to 15 lbs. are starting to show and are being taken on worms or bunker.

Captain Tom on the **Elsie—K III** reports there is still fantastic fluke fishing and that Sunday, 20 fares decked 350 fluke and that they called it an early day. He is fishing the Ambrose Channel which is producing very well. Tom says really great fluking for all. The pool comes in at around 5 pounds each day, with fish averaging 1½ to 3 pounds. Sandy Hook and the red side of Ambrose Channel is also excellent fluking right now. Blowy Thursday was the only day that the fluking slowed.

Captain Kevin on the **Dorothy B** reports super blackfishing Monday thru Thursday fish running 2 to 10 pounds with Friday, Saturday and Sunday being taken up with lots of seabass in the 1 pound category, but lots of them.

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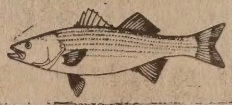

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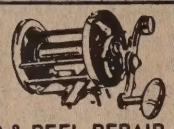
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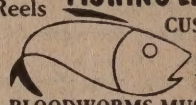
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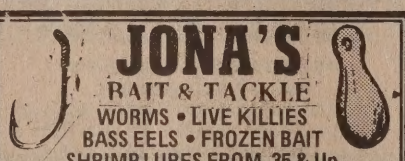
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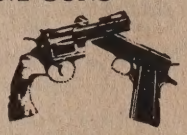

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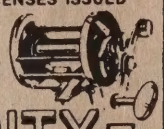

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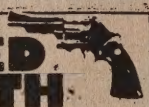

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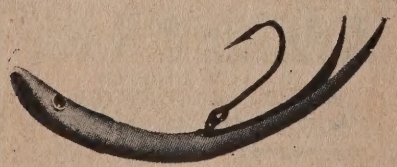

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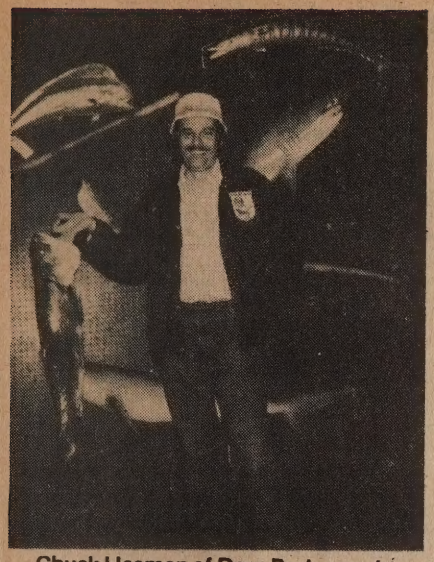


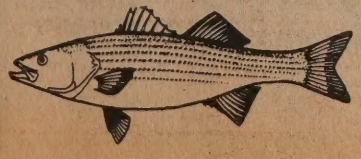
Chuck Hosman of Deer Park caught this 11 lb. 3 oz. weakfish on squid off Fire Island. Photo courtesy of Island Taxidermy.

40 to 50 fish per good angler and 15 to 20 for an average fisherman. Fish were chummed, jigged, bananaed, any way you can get them. Saturday was a little picky. Nick is fishing from Sea bright to the channels and also Three Sisters. Nick left on this past Monday to pick up his new boat which will be the **Blue Sea III.** She is 90', all wood construction, has a 23' beam and cruises at 20 knots. Featured are Central AC and heating for upcoming codfishing trips. The boat will be back by this weekend and is going right into the yard for further beautification and to put her in top shape and will be ready for the cod season.

Captain Jim of the **Amberjack IV** says day and night bluefishing has been very good and asks that you take note of the fact that the Amberjack IV will have cod and pollack wreck trips leaving every Friday night in October. Call the **Amberjack** for information and sailing dates. Reservations are required.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports 8 to 12 lb. blues are being caught at South Beach in the mornings on red fins and Danny swimmers. These blues are also being taken at night on cut bait such as bunker and butterfish. There are also some weaks mixed in with these blues. Small school stripers are being taken at Penny Beach on worms. Lafayettes, sand porgies and snapper blues are still abundant. Flounder up to a pound are being taken in the Princess Bay area.



NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

ORIENT POINT

Orient by the Sea Marina reports 5 to 8 lb. blacks being taken on fiddlers and porgies on clams out at Plum Island. Flounders are being taken out of the Marina on worms. Bass and blue activity has been very light.

GREENPORT

The **Betty W** reports that blackfishing is improving and many jumbo porgies being taken. On Saturday the Mt. Zion Baptist Church charter took many blacks and porgies in good amounts.

A. P. White Bait Shop reports good fishing for blacks at the Gut and Plum Island. The surf casters are doing good on blacks and bass off the beaches at Greenport and Orient. Robert Hodges took a 15 lb. blackfish off the Greenport jetty on fiddler crabs. There is good catches of bass being taken at Plum Gut. The fishing for porgies, sea bass and blacks are still good on the East side of Gardiner's Island.

The Wilhelric reports porgies were good during the week but slowed down some over the weekend due to the moon tides. Blackfishing is more and more consistent and improving each day. The new boat, **Wilhelric II** will be moving into action by this weekend. She is a 65' steel hull vessel and will accomodate up to 80 fares. The **Wilhelric** will then be available for charters. The **Wilhelric II** will also be chartering after Thanksgiving for cod out of Shinnecock.

Dick Neu with his catch of 26 blacks up to 10½ lbs. caught on green crabs at the Wind Mills. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports that all boats at the Orient Station were sold out this weekend. The blackfishing is good on the bay side and at the point on green crabs. The blackfishing is still holding up at the Windmills. Some weaks are still being taken at buoy 16 and 17 and porgy fishing is still good at the south jetty.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports plenty of porgies at South Race, Rose Grove and Nassau Point on worms and skimmers. Blacks are also being taken in the South Race on skimmers and fiddlers.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports good porgy and weak fishing in the bay. Blues in the 3 to 5 lb. range are being taken in the sound on poppers and wire line. Some blues are being taken off the beach on bunker chums or butterfish. Porgies up to 3 lbs. are being taken in the sound.

ROCKY POINT

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reports fishing slow over the weekend with some blues from 6 to 8 lbs. being taken trolling umbrellas and tubes. Porgies are being taken from Shoreham to the Rocky Point beaches. Snappers up to 12 inches are being taken in Mt. Sinai Harbor on shiny jigs up to 12 inches. Blacks are being taken on green and fiddler crabs along the Shoreham-Rocky Point beaches.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Queensland Cove Tackle Shop reports blacks of 2 to 7 lbs. are being taken off the beach on crabs. Lots of snappers of 10 to 12 inches are being taken. Blues up to 15 lbs. are being trolled out at buoy 9.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports lots of porgies up to 2 lbs. all over the sound. Blacks up to 5 lbs. are being taken in deep water on skimmers and green crabs. Some blues are being taken straight out of the harbor and also at buoy 9 on tubes.

PORT JEFFERSON

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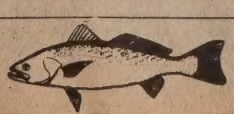

taken on plugs in the harbor. Bigger blues of 8 and 9 lbs. are being taken trolling at buoy 9.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports porgies are being taken from Oldfield to Cranes Neck and blacks being taken from all rocky areas on fiddlers and green crabs.

NORTHPORT

Greenlawn Sport Shop reports blues being taken at 11B on jigs and wire line. Some fluke are being taken in the harbor on sand eels and squid. There are still plenty of snappers in the harbor up to 10 inches.

HUNTINGTON

Nineteen members & guests of the Huntington Angler's Club went out on a bluefish charter on the **"Lady Ann"** out of Captree with Capt. Walter Specht, Jr. last Friday night, Sept. 17th. Catch was 91 bluefish to 9½ lbs. Pool winner was club member Alan DiNicola with the 9½ lb. blue. Fish were chummed at SE of the N.C. Buoy.

Four Winds Tackle reports blacks up to 8 lbs. being taken at the East Bar of Eaton's Neck and that at Marshall Field on fiddlers and green crabs. Bass fishing is slow but steady at Eaton's with school fish being taken clam chumming. Blues can be caught between the obstruction buoy and buoy 11B by wire lining tubes and umbrella rigs. These blues can also be taken with diamond jigs or bait on the bottom. Porgy fishing is good off Marshall Field with worms or clams. Flounder fishing is picking up in Lloyd and Huntington Harbors with these one pounders being taken on sand worms.

Captain Don of the **Ever Ready** reports that on Saturday the Holly Family High School charter of 49 girls took over 300 mixed bag fish of porgies, flounder, fluke and blackfish with the largest being a 5½ lb. fluke. Don will be starting blackfishing in the 11B area on Sundays. Watch his ad for details. These are big fish and the waters are deep here, so Don says bring along sinkers up to 16 ounces.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports reports small bass of 3 to 5 lbs. being taken off Matinecock Point trolling worms on mono. Bass are also being taken in the early morning from Davidson's to Maxwell's plugging the rips. Flounders up to a pound are being taken at Dosoris Creek on the incoming tide drifting worms.

PORT WASHINGTON

Morelands Bait & Tackle reports that there is still plenty of porgies, lafayettes and snappers in the area and that some bass are being picked up trolling worms at the points.

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CITY ISLAND

Johns Gun & Tackle reports blacks up to 6 lbs. are being taken around rocky areas in the sound on fiddlers and green crabs. Porgies and lafayettes are being taken everywhere on worms. Blues are being taken between the Throggs Neck and Whitestone Bridges trolling surgical tubes and umbrellas. Stripers are being taken around the Rye area on chunk baits.

John has a flounder trip October 10th to Quincy, Mass. There are still a few openings left, call for reservations.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	1:36	2:07	2:23	2:57	2:23	2:50	3:20	3:45	5:39	6:06	5:08	5:32	1:32	2:04	9/30
FRI.	2:41	3:09	3:34	4:07	3:26	3:51	4:32	4:55	6:59	7:27	6:15	6:40	2:37	3:08	10/1
SAT.	3:47	4:13	4:47	5:13	4:30	4:54	4:40	5:03	8:07	8:32	7:19	7:45	3:40	4:11	10/2
SUN.	4:51	5:14	5:49	6:11	5:33	5:54	6:40	7:03	9:05	9:29	8:20	8:44	4:39	5:06	10/3
MON.	5:49	6:09	6:43	7:03	6:27	6:47	7:33	7:55	9:55	10:19	9:13	9:35	5:32	5:55	10/4
TUE.	6:37	6:55	7:29	7:49	7:15	7:33	8:15	8:37	10:41	11:06	10:00	10:22	6:19	6:40	10/5
WED.	7:17	7:35	8:11	8:28	7:57	8:14	8:52	9:15	11:23	11:46	10:43	11:03	7:02	7:22	10/6
THUR.	7:55	8:14	8:48	9:03	8:36	8:53	9:28	9:51	—	12:00	11:22	11:44	7:42	8:00	10/7

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide , add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10/7	7:03	6:32
10/12	7:09	6:23
10/17	7:14	6:16
10/22	7:21	6:08
10/27	7:27	6:01

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
10/23	10/29	10/8	10/16

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
THURS.	11:25	**5:40**	11:50	**6:10**
FRI.	—	**6:30**	12:25	**6:55**
SAT.	12:40	**7:20**	1:10	**7:45**
SUN.	1:30	**8:05**	2:00	**8:30**
MON.	2:15	**8:45**	2:45	**9:10**
TUES.	2:55	**9:30**	3:25	**9:50**
WED.	3:40	**10:10**	4:05	**10:30**
THURS.	4:20	**10:45**	4:45	**11:10**

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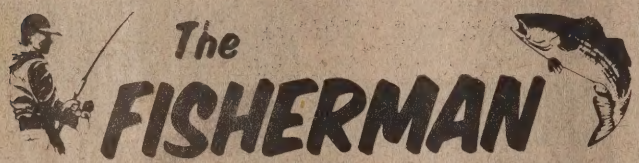

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